

not been incurred, the costs in the judiciary running somebody through all the court system again or at other levels where they save money not running somebody through at different levels, the costs that we saved on maybe some of our law enforcement or the time that they've spent, so there's probably a lot of different costs involved in this. If we simply follow this information to say, gosh, we're spending an awful lot of money on people who are in prison, I think it would be just as important to have that information--the cost to society, the cost to law enforcement, the cost savings if there is any in our court system by not having to rerun that person through the court system--those are all I think savings when you keep an individual for more of their sentence. I know the issue of good time has come up again in the public discussions surrounding some of the politics of the season and people are astonished when they find out that good time exists in the state of Nebraska, a lot of people that I talk to, and that this Legislature voted for it and they...and that the Governor signed it into law, and they're astonished to find out that we would let these people who have been sentenced and then they say, well, they take good time into consideration when they sentence those individual (sic). Well, then we should make sure that the public knows that. I think that was part of our discussion a couple years back too. But people are being held in prison for longer periods of time in many cases, and I know Senator Lindsay doesn't agree with this, even someone who has...who is driving while intoxicated time after time after time. There's a boy in my district who was killed by an individual who was intoxicated. So those people, if the judge has decided in a number of those cases for the longer length of time in the prison there for sexual assault of a minor, I think you wouldn't find a parent out there who would argue with you that that's the kind of very person that they want to see held in prison for longer periods of time because, as we discussed on my priority bill on sex offender registration...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ..those are the kind of people that have a very high recidivism rate. So if the...if you're going at this, ask for this detailed report from the angle that we're going to show that, because of the good time there's less people in prison, or because of truth in sentencing there's more people in prison, I think you should also look to all of the other costs in society