

served this excessive time, thanks to what the Legislature has done, with no programming, and where worse things happen to that person in prison than were happening on the streets, where that person had access to narcotics, to sex, and could engage in physical violence against other inmates, and this may shock even Senator Pedersen who goes out there as a counselor. They use the...Senator Pedersen and members of the Legislature besides Senator Pedersen, prison administrators sometime will use some inmates as enforcers against others and expose those inmates who are to be enforced against to these others who are the enforcers. There are old wolves in the Legislature. There are cliques. There is a kind of social hierarchy and organization in the prisons. This probably shocks Senator Pedersen because when he's counseling, he talks to them about other types of things and will not look at the reality of the prison, so now it's easy for him, swept away with what seems to be this irresistible wave of lock them up, throw away the keys, that he is going along with it now. He used to talk about the need for programming. He used to talk about the fact that these people are going to come back on the streets again, and that if something is not done when they are locked up, to take away the inclination to engage in antisocial behavior, you're going to send a pussy cat into the prison, and you're going to be faced with a saber-toothed tiger when he comes out. And you can predict how a person is going to respond to unfair, inappropriate...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...oppressive treatment, whether they're locked up or not. But when they are locked up, it is going to intensify the negative effect of it. So nobody should be surprised at what is released by the penitentiaries, and what comes out on these streets and what those who are released will do. This that Senator Lindsay is offering and that Senator Wehrbein and Senator Pedersen so heartily endorsed is a mistake.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I certainly am interested in this discussion since the facility is located in my district. I do have a couple of questions for Senator Lindsay. Could you explain to me again why we actually need this legislation if it is only intent? Do