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is...there will be, when we put up the committee amendment and the amendment which I am going to file that will follow, there will be nothing left of LB 865 except the number and its priority. So whatever is there, unless you want to contest it, there's nothing to worry about that's in the bill. Secondly, we have worked with...I want the body to know that we've worked with various people who are interested in the structure of community justice, and that is going to be a major interim study for your Judiciary Committee during this next interim. Third, the committee amendment contains two parts. One part is essentially the chief components of LB 638, which was introduced by Senator Thompson, heard by the committee and the committee brings to you with its recommendation, and that is where the bill will end up if you choose to affirm that which I'm recommending, and I have consulted with all of the members of the Judiciary Committee present and what I'm representing to you is unanimous by all of us. The second part of the committee amendment was our attempt to deal with the administrative taking of good time in the penal system as a result of or related to the continuing issue we're de...we have had before us for several sessions of what we'll call frivolous lawsuits. Upon further reflection and information, it is the view of the committee that we should also work further on that issue this...during this forthcoming interim and that we should pursue some other avenues that relate to this administrative taking of good time. So that what we are ultimately in this total package asking you to do is to adopt what will become my amendment to the committee amendments that will strip out the good time issue, and you need not be concerned about it until we come back to you with a further and more complete report. Then we will have in the committee amendment simply the original LB 638. Now, to cover that, what will be before you then, the amendment would create a task force to be appointed by the Governor to study substance abuse treatment services in the adult and juvenile criminal justice system. If I can ask you to reflect back to our legislative symposium at Platte River State Park and the presentation that was made there by the professionals with regard to substance abuse and the problems of substance abuse in our correction facilities, this committee amendment, and what would then become LB 865 and would allow us to utilize the shell of Senator Pedersen's priority bill, will...is directly responsive to and seeks to implement the recommendations of the