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SENATOR CUDABACK: Are you finished, Senator Aguilar?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Well, I'll go ahead and use up the rest of the time, and then turn my light off. I just wanted to answer Senator Chambers' statement. He said this is a bad bill, and this is heaping punishment on top of punishment. I totally disagree with that. This is not heaping punishment on punishment. It's giving these people a second chance at life. This is something they want, they ask for, they beg for. And if you would ever go to a graduation and watch these hardened drug offenders graduate, go up and hug the judge, tears running down their face, thanking him for a second chance at life, you would more completely understand what I'm talking about. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar and Senator Synowiecki. Your light is...did you not wish to use your time? He waives his opportunity to speak. Senator Chambers. And this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to have to walk Senator Aguilar through his bill so he will see what I see in his bill. Senator Aguilar, you told us that in the program out there where you are in central Nebraska, a person pleads guilty to a drug offense. And if the judge chose to sentence that person at that time, the person could be sentenced to jail. Isn't that true?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You asking a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: No, that is not true if he's asking to participate in the drug court.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, let's take it a step at a time. You're not listening to me, so you don't follow what I'm asking you. At the time the person pleads guilty, the judge could sentence that person to jail right then. Isn't that true?