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this bill and the problems that are in it. Members of the Legislature, there is nothing in this bill that is needed, nothing in this bill that enhances the operation of drug courts. The only really significant substantive item is the worst thing that anybody could contrive, and that's to allow a judge, without any guidance, to sentence a person to short-term jail time, whatever that means, for not complying with a program. I would like to ask Senator Aguilar a question.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Aguilar, would you like to make violation of one of these drug program provisions a crime? Would you like to convert that into a crime, which it is not now? Is that what you'd like?

SENATOR AGUILAR: A violation of the program, are you talking about?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Would...

SENATOR AGUILAR: (Inaudible)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you like to say that violation of any drug program provision shall be a crime, and you'd state whether it's a Class I, II, or III misdemeanor, or a felony, punishable by, and you'd state the punishment? Is that what you want to do with this drug court program?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Not necessarily. Because I don't think it's...I don't think that we honestly are going to say we're going to put a person in jail. That's not the first option.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if you don't make it a crime, you can't put the person in jail.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You cannot put somebody in jail for not