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evening. The Judiciary Committee has not let some bills out of committee, for reasons that the committee thought were valid. When opportunity knocks, brothers and sisters, we were told as little children, be prepared. Sometimes the door of opportunity does not swing wide, it opens a crack. And if you are prepared, you scoot through it before it's slammed shut again. This is that opportunity. I've heard Senator Beutler, I've heard Senator...well, I could go around the room, who have looked at opportunities when they presented themselves and offered amendments to bills, and the amendments would be adopted. Anybody who is opposed to an idea will give any argument against it that can be dredged up.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We have heard so many times this session that there hadn't been a bill introduced for this or that. No bill was introduced to take that money from that tobacco cessation program. A bill could have been offered for that. We could offer a bill for every issue that we bring into the mix by way of an amendment. That is an invalid argument. This ought to be done, and I strongly, strongly support it. Mr. President, I feel like that young guy who was talking to Job. If I don't get all out of me what is in me, I shall burst. But don't count on it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. Senator Mines touched on this a bit, but I think what a lot of members are overlooking is what Senator Pedersen is doing as far as increasing the capacity of parole, and that's a very important aspect to his underlying amendment, AM1778, that I think members are generally overlooking. Senator Pedersen passed out this informational sheet which indicates there are 1,044 parole-eligible nonviolent offenders. I would submit that some of the backlog or clogging involved is that the parole does not have the capacity to effectively supervise these individuals in the community. I would hazard a guess that that's a problem within the system. While Senator Pedersen's up-front savings I