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yesterday. I'll start at the bottom. We have 10.2 percent of our inmates that are in there for motor vehicle, most of them for driving on a suspended license. Is that a violent crime? By their own numbers, up in the middle, crime time...type, Part I offenses, 284 of them are in there for Part I offenses. And Part I offenses are violent, first-degree murder, second-degree murder, manslaughter, first-degree assault, first-degree sexual assault, robbery. And all the others are in there for Part II, 1,805, 86.4 percent. That was crimes by admission last year. That was just for the admissions last year. And that's pretty much the average that we've kept. They aren't all in there for murder and rape. And I would consider Part I offenses also burglary. If you've ever been burglarized, it's a violent crime. I'm not asking to parole them kind of people. There's many, many things we can talk about. When we have TRD date, that tentative release date, that's a jam date. I have never spoke to anybody when I could explain to them fully and they understood what I'm saying, what that means. Would you not rather have these people on some supervised release than come to the gate and be out, with no supervision? It is proven across the country, the Department of Corrections has it, it's in all the correctional manuals, and I get quite a few of them, that recidivism goes way down for people who have been on work release programs and have had some supervisions, compared to those who have had no supervision. We've got over 2,000 inmates that are going to be out within the next two years. They're coming to live in the neighborhood anyway, Governor. Even though the Governor said...

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...that we wanted to release these kind of people. I don't want to release them people to your neighborhood. They're going to jam their time and come live in your neighborhood anyway. They're there today. And jam means they've reached the ultimate length of time they could be in prison, and they come out completely unsupervised. Now, here's a true story. We were talking about inmates, and Senator Schimek mentioned one. There's a man who I know quite well who jammed his time Monday morning of this week. He was here yesterday morning in the Rotunda, and sent a note in for me to