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That being said, I agree with the concept that we should be trying to stop repeat offenders. I'm just trying to determine how far this bill is going, if we have maybe unintended consequences because of it, and what exactly we should do...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...to enhance the penalties but do no more. I'm concerned that we...it seems like we're creating a separate class of felony. And when we talk about punishments that are (2)(a) and (3)(a) felonies with...that's multiple years in the penitentiary, or state prisons, I'm just struggling as to what exactly the bill does. And I'm suggesting that maybe it's not clear and concise enough so that we should adopt it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Dwite Pedersen on AM1806.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I just wanted to relate a little bit to people going to prison and jail. Two of you have stopped by now and said, you know, after you close a prison, then you're going to put more people in prison. I just want to relate to you that there's many different kinds of jail. And they don't have to be a maximum security prison in Department of Corrections. One thing that the Department of Corrections does not talk about much, and one thing we have not talked about much in here, but we need to start looking at more, is the electronic monitoring. It works very well on probation, and wish parole would have more of it. If the...if ever that \$1 million that's left from closing the prison gets to parole, maybe they can encounter more of it. But I just want to tell you a little bit about electronic monitoring. They have a system now called global tracking. It has a bracelet that hooks to your foot. It has a little box that hooks to your belt. It's about basically the same concept that all of our trucking agencies are now putting on the back of their trucks. The new ones even have Breathalyzers in them, people, for the people who have alcohol problems. When that thing beeps, the person who's carrying it must open it up, take his Breathalyzer out and breathe into it, and it's got to be his breath. It's calibrated to that. And if