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SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's the way I understand it, Senator Smith. Uh-huh.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. So there...I was...it was my understanding that there was a three-year time period that the board could take that up.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Not presently.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Okay. And is that constitutional, or statutory?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Is what constitutional or statutory?

SENATOR SMITH: The time period, the ten-year.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think that's done through the Parole Board's own rules.

SENATOR SMITH: The Parole Board...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Own rules. They have decided to make it ten years.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. So that would change with membership...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I mean...I'm sorry, the Pardons Board.

SENATOR SMITH: Right, I knew what you meant. That would change with the makeup of the board.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It could. And that's one reason I think this legislative body needs to decide this policy, because otherwise it becomes, sometimes, a political kind of decision, not that we're not political in here. (Laugh)

SENATOR SMITH: (Laugh) Not that this one isn't political.