

this provision?

SENATOR WITEK: Well, as I understand it, these tied in together in these sections, in these first sections and that was the necessity for doing so was to discuss reparole if they committed a felony while out on parole. And if that was the language that was necessary for that amendment then that is necessary language. And then if you are dividing the question, I don't know, maybe you're, if we take it one at a time, that's why I asked if you would keep it all in one section how it was given to me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The way you wanted to...you wanted to make fewer divisions, but if even if I had agreed to make fewer divisions, well, then each one of those segments would have been several separate concepts each of which stands alone. So when we're talking about probation, we're not talking about parole at all. This is where a person had not been locked up so it has nothing to do with parole.

SENATOR WITEK: The amendment wasn't written to stand alone. It was written as written.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, it was a very poorly drafted bill in the first place. That's what happens when politically done things are brought to the Legislature. It's up to us as legislators to legislate, not give people press conferences and that's what this bill has done, but that's all the questions I'll have of you on this. Members of the Legislature,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...this provision should be reviewed in the context of the bill that was advanced that Senator Warner offered, and it was moved the other day, where you determine the impact on the penal system of the bills that are passed. This provision does not create a new crime, it does not increase sentences, it doesn't do anything along that line. It says that people who could have been put on probation will not be put on probation, they'll all go to prison. That's what this amendment does. It doesn't have anything to do with parole. I think it is not a wise provision and I think it ought not to be adopted, and it's clear that the one carrying the amendment is not sure just what the bill does. That's understandable, but the rest of us have an obligation not to just go along with these kind of