

germane to the subject of boot camps and community corrections and prisons and really this has all been written into the same area, so if we're talking about germaneness, I know you talked before about all in the area of crime. Yes, it is. The original bill, as far as I am concerned was all in those areas dealing with a lot of the areas that needed to be discussed and that's why we're bringing, I am bringing this amendment to get this out and get this discussed, and I think it is germane to the prisons and to the prisoners and to the area of crime. And I guess what we have left now too is the truth in sentencing amendment that was adopted and that does deal with parole. And if you look in AM5453, page 2, line 11 and it just continues on.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Lindsay, I would like your interpretation as to why this is not germane.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, it depends on whether the Speaker wishes to establish a precedent for germaneness being very broadly interpreted or narrowly interpreted or somewhere in the middle. Certainly, if the bill is crime it would be germane as would... I mean we can start bootstrapping things, deals with prisons and, therefore, parole is okay and, therefore, probation is okay and then probation officers are okay and then funding of probation officers is okay and then funding of police officers is okay, and you just get how far you want to go by bootstrapping. The issue is probation is something that is in a completely different chapter of the statutes. It deals with back o: a sentencing issue of whether probation is an alternative that may be considered or not. Probation to me just seems to be in a completely different area as opposed to people who have been sentenced to prison and are now serving and the bill now deals with where should they serve that sentence.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Lindsay, I am going to rule that it is germane. I think that it's a fairly, you know, this is a fairly broad piece of, very broad piece of legislation and I am going to rule that it is germane. So we are still on Section 1 as it has been divided. Okay. Is there anyone wishing to discuss Section 1? Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Witek, I just want to have a question answered for me if I may, and I do this not to... I ask this question not in trying to posture myself or put anyone in a particular position,