

Legislature. I do have tools at my disposal under the rules to fight against those things that I think are hurtful to the system. All of us in a relatively few years will be gone from this place. What we do will stay here until somebody decides to change it. While I am here I want to change some of these things that I think are hurtful. The one that I'm going after initially is on page 1 in line 14 of Senator Witek's amendment. I want to strike the word "mandatory". Then we'll have maximum 50 years imprisonment, minimum five years imprisonment and that will be what the classification of that offense states. That is the way it was in the beginning and that is the situation to which I think it should be restored and I'm going to try to persuade enough of you to agree with me. But if I cannot do that, I am going to try to keep this bill from being cluttered up with material that has no validity which might give sound bites, a couple of headlines, a few more press conferences and, by the way, Senator Abboud doesn't even get invited to them and it's his bill. 627 is his bill and the Attorney General calls a press conference on what the Attorney General calls "my bill". Where is Senator Abboud? Under the haystack fast asleep. I have no choice other than to do what it is that I'm doing. I hope that you will see the wisdom of restoring the classifications of punishments to the form they had originally taken and it should be clear that there are others on here calling for mandatory minimums that I shall try to alter. I would like to ask a question of one of the attorneys. I'll ask Senator Hohenstein a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hohenstein, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hohenstein, if a judge...let's look at a Class IC felony because it's the one I'm dealing with that has a mandatory minimum five-year sentence. If a judge gave a sentence of five years, a flat sentence, what would happen with reference to that sentence?

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: The individual who received a mandatory minimum flat five-year sentence would go into the system and there's a schedule, which I don't have available to me, but basically there would be a determination of when they would be immediately eligible for parole. Not to say that they would be immediately eligible, but they would be eligible for parole on a predetermined date. Their time would be computed based upon