

deterred from what I do because Mr. Stenberg tells Kate Witek to come in here and criticize me. She can whine and cry all day long, and I'm going to keep doing what I do, and in fact I hope she whines for about an hour during this discussion and it helps me in what I'm trying to do. I don't personally care what we talk about during these three hours. And I don't mind if people want to take this opportunity to criticize me and the way I choose to get things done in the Legislature. It's all right, it just shows that even while I'm being criticized my critics are helping me to be effective. They don't understand that. So, since they don't catch on, sometimes I have to tell them. Senator Witek said, the other day, she was...she was lecturing the Legislature and explaining to the freshmen, as she called them, that she hopes they pay attention and watch this, hope they learn something from this. Well, the difference between her and some of the other senators when they got popped the first time, they caught on. They're not the ones who need to sit and listen and learn. We're all adults, so if somebody is going to talk down to me like a child, they're going to get something back. This bill in its present form is worth preserving. This bill ought to be enacted. All over the country at the state level and the federal level there is occurring a rethinking of the attitude generated by Bush and Reagan to lock people up and throw away the key, provided it's not Bush's son, or some big shot friend of Reagan who has violated the law and maybe stolen the rights of some small computer company. Those people don't go to jail. And the President Bush pardons Reagan. I think he pardoned him. No, he didn't pardon him, did he? I don't remember whether he pardoned him or not, but he pardoned a bunch of those crooks. Just like when Nixon was there, all those crooks in office, and now the same party, the party of crooks is doing, at the national level, exactly what I do at this level, I engage in extended debate. And when I asked Senator Witek does she criticize the Republicans at the federal level for filibustering, as she criticizes me here. She says, well I don't want to be...I don't want to be lumped in with the Republicans. I say, well let's forget that, are they do...what they doing, is that wrong? She didn't want to talk about it, didn't want to talk about it. But I've been collecting articles so I can share with you all how many times the "Repelicans" already this term, in Congress, have used the filibuster. And I don't hear all that outcry about how wrong that is, in fact some in this body would probably praise them because they defeated programs of President Clinton that they don't like. But after some of these rookies have been here