

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: When you hear from people like that, you realize how devastating it is to a family to have someone in prison. I have a good friend whose brother is at the Corrections Center. It just simple kills her mother to think that that young man is out there, and that probably he will never have a future because his own inner needs have been met. Whatever he was up against personally he has not come to grips with. So from that point of view, when you talk about this bill, when you talk about any bill that puts people in jail, think, and it's jail, it is not a nice place, and you have to think about those people who are the ones that you are putting there, and how long they will have to stay, and how they will feel when they come out. So that's the reason...I have mixed feelings of how to vote today in any way,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...shape, or form, because I don't like to let the bill go entirely. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Ashford, followed by Senator Hohenstein and Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I wonder where Senator Bernard-Stevens is. It is my understanding, Madam President and members...there is Senator Bernard-Stevens. I think what I will do is give my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens. Don't you want...then you can withdraw your amendment. Well, let me give...actually what I am going to do is give one minute of my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens, and the rest of my time to Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers limited me to 60 seconds, I had time remaining, it was incredible. I believe what we are doing is waiting for Senator Vrtiska and the others that had amendments. They are going to pull those amendments. There is going to be a clean-up amendment I understand Senator Ashford and Senator Witek and Senator Chambers have agreed to, that it's very up front and there is no problem. We vote on that. We then get to the first portion of the Witek amendment, and then we will probably move then to advance the bill, and we will be moving forward. I give the rest of the time to Senator Hohenstein.