

proven to me that it's political. We've done nothing. We've come up with a good bill, LB 988, but it hasn't got near enough in it if we aren't going to take care of our first line of defense, probation officers. The Nebraska Probation Department is the only department we have that can give statistics. They can give statistics, people, on areas that work with crime. Their ISP, Individual Supervision units, these people work morning, noon and night. And I'm not kidding you, I'm not making up any stories. If you work as an intensive probation officer, you do have to answer the phone at night, at home, you do have to go out on the weekends, you go to their homes, you go to the schools, you go to their places where they're partying, you also have to be a policeman, that's the way probationers...probation officers were back 30 years ago, but their case loads got so big they couldn't do that. Now we've gone into ISP, and they're doing the job, people. Statistics are showing that it works. But the real crime fighters, the people who really want to fight crime, all they want to do is lock them up and throw away the key. And, people, that's what you better do if you're going to lock them up and not do anything with them, or try and stop them, or get into the area of prevention, or intervention, which has been proven in any field, drugs, tobacco, in anything that intervention and prevention works, which that is what probation is. If we're not going to do that...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: ...if we can't do that, then we're going to have to lock them up and throw away the key. Don't let them out in two, four, six, eight, ten, fifty years because you haven't done anything with them in that system either. We don't do anything with them in corrections, we just lock them up. And there are people in here, and people that think that's the only thing that works. But what people really want is they want crime to change. They want the people who commit crimes to not commit anymore. And that doesn't mean I'm not as naive to know that there aren't some that commit crimes that have to be locked up forever. There are them there...and there's that percentage that will have to be locked up forever. But we're going to have to be locking more and more of them up forever if we don't start doing something in the line of intervention and prevention, which probation does do today, people, but we're losing our good probation officers. Told you I worked all these years in this field and they leave as soon as an opening happens in Iowa,