

Hudkins amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr Speaker, members, I...Senator Hudkins jus' showed me the amendment and I don't have a problem with it, with the amendment getting attached. It's, I think it was probably the law anyway, but if it...I think it would make it very clear that that's the intent. But I think I would maybe take this opportunity to mention, because this is a non...I think a noncontroversial amendment. I hate to use that term to Senator Fisher again but I don't think this is a big amendment but it's probably an appropriate time to mention that I know there's been some concern by members about amendments not being passed out on the floor so we have an opportunity to read them. And I think, at some point, that it's...people are probably going to start objecting if they don't get a chance to see these amendments in time to be able to vote on them because it may be something that there may be some wording in it that they don't like. But, as I mentioned, I have no objection to Senator Hudkins' amendment; I will be voting for it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Any further discussion? Senator Hudkins, do you have a closing? Closing is waived. The question is the adoption of the Hudkins amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Hudkins' amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

CLERK: Senator Witek would move to amend, Mr. President. (FA18 appears on page 557 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'm sure this will go through as smoothly as the last amendment. No doubt in my mind, and mine is handed out to the body. If you will follow along with the bill, all I've done, really, is strike out the "shalls", made it permissive and put "may" in, and then at the end of line 9 taken out the period and added "at the discretion of the sentencing judge". And I've left Section 2 in. If you want to repeal that section and allow this only to be how an individual is sentenced, or if you want to strike Section 2 at a later time and just say that it's two for one unless the judge