

constitutional calls on the floor about the constitutionality of certain areas of the bill. And then, Senator Lindsay, you said something about a study, I would be happy to have a study done. You know, there's been a lot of assertions made on both sides on this bill as to what's going on in the jails in Nebraska, as to what's constitutional and not constitutional, a lot of questions brought up on this...on making less good time. You're making arguments to say good time at all. We already have it. So if we don't take any action on this bill at all, we already have good time which is a mechanism for controlling the behavior of individuals inside the jails. So we have the good time, it's not a question of whether we need to have good time or not. I think that discussion has been years ago and at least two years ago, for sure, on this issue. They had the discussion on whether they needed to...and, at that time, they were taking it from three to one to two to one. We already have the good time for these individuals. We have it to control their behavior. What you're doing here is making it one to one; one day served, one day good time, and I know it's for seven consecutive days, but essentially it's the same thing. So it's not the argument on whether we need to have good time to control the behavior of these individuals or to give these people who are working in the jails some kind of a mechanism to help control these individuals while they're in jail. What we're talking about here is cutting the time in half, six months for motor vehicle homicide. I had a discussion with my 14-year-old on this, this particular thing. And I guess we were talking, at the time, about the guy who had run over the lady out in Nebraska and because of the truth in sentencing change that he had gotten a longer sentence. We were kind of talking about intermingling all these at the house when we were talking, and my 14-year-old said, you mean if somebody ran somebody over like this guy and he was drinking, would that be motor vehicle homicide? And I said, well, you know, a lot of those things would be discussed in a jail, but a lot of times, you know, that's maybe the way the public perceives some of these things. They do see these things as violent crimes. We don't all understand the entire system like attorneys do or judges do, or people who are in the system and yet we realize that people are coming out of prisons and jails with very short amounts of time served, very short amounts of time served. Six months is not a very long time in prison, and I think on the discussion, I've read over the floor debate from the last time some questions that Senator Pedersen and Senator Robak had asked Senator Lindsay about, about work permits, going out and coming back, and they still get time for that day served. They go out,