

they could have their good time taken away from them. With that, I'm going to leave that...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: ...so you have some understanding that we need to have something and I think we need to push in a way that we can make more people work. I can tell you this, and I'll talk more about jobs when I have a chance. If we have meaningful jobs and we had more meaningful jobs to offer them we wouldn't have to push them at all. Our guess is that...my guess and with corrections, that we'd probably have 80 or 85 percent of these people that would be willing to work if they had meaningful jobs. But the way we are now we need to push them to do something besides just shoot a few hoops, lift weights, visit with their friends and watch TV in their cells. Now that is not being soft on them, it's because we've got nothing else to offer them. And I know some people are going to jump on that and say, as Senator Witek said to me once today, she said, let's give them hottubs. I don't mean that we have to do...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: ...do anything like that.... I'll push my light.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Before we get to Senator Witek, Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, thank you. Senator Kristensen, amendments to LB 386; Senator Wesely to LB 209; Senator Wesely to LB 693A; Senator Bernard-Stevens to LB 624 and LB 624A; Senator Wickersham to LB 530. New A bill, Senator Lindsay, LB 371A. (Read title.) That's all that I have, Mr. President, thank you. (See pages 2347-51 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, Senator Pedersen, I don't disagree that something needs to be done in the prisons. There's an excellent book that I just read, Senator Janssen just gave it to me. It's called, Why America Doesn't Work, and it's by Chuck Colson and Jack Eckert (phonetic). And a good portion of that book is dedicated to the positive effect that inviting private sector businesses to go