

SENATOR CARSTEN: The committee amendments have been adopted.

CLERK: Do you have anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Senator Pirsch, did you want to take...do you want to withdraw that amendment we had printed in the Journal earlier then, Senator?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, that was before we realized the committee amendments we could amend.

CLERK: In that case, Mr. President, I have...

SENATOR CARSTEN: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: ...nothing further on the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Nothing further? No, sir.

CLERK: No, sir.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Nothing further on the bill, anyone have any further comments relative to the bill as amended? If not, Senator Pirsch, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, I would like to close. Hopefully, we have understood now that Nebraska presently has restitution as a condition of probation. What we would like to see with the Department of Corrections, and the parole officers have told us, is that part of the rehabilitation, part of the process that they are trying to impress on those who commit crimes is that they are personally responsible to their victim, that someone suffered as a result of their act. We prosecute in the name of the State of Nebraska and it is a crime against the state but it is much more than that. It is a crime against a person or persons and this is a way that studies have shown does make the defendant or the convicted criminal more personally responsible and the courts have...this is purely may, that the courts have the authorization to look at all the standards that are in that bill and then if that is according to the circumstances of the case, to then say, yes, in the case of probation there should be restitution. Yes, in the case of parole, there should be restitution to that victim. I hope you will vote