

administration of it, and other practical problems that would develop. It is going to cost money, we know, to construct a secure juvenile facility. There is no way around that. The longer it takes us to get to the point where that construction is to occur, the higher is going to be the cost because materials, labor, and other things may increase in cost. If there is inflation, if there are any things over which we have no control which come into play to raise the cost, we are going to have to pay it. So instead of dealing with this program. I hope that you will adopt this amendment. Senator Crosby reminded me by sending around the poem, whose title I gave you, and by the way it was a very good poem. It shows the difference between a poet and a rhymester. Senator Crosby, I am a rhymester. The person who wrote "Celery Hearts" is a poet. There is depth. There is a requirement to think to get the message that really is found in the poem she handed around. But mine was called "Chimera" and that is something which appears to be, and this is an oversimplification, something which appears to be but is not. It's an illusion. It is illusory. That's what these boot camps are. So the little rhyme which had this guy thinking that something was in his ear, this furry creature, but the doctor looked in and told, no, there is no creature in your ear, that's just some earwax, the boot camp is like earwax. It will take up space. It can cause some discomfort. It can even impede our ability to do the job that we need to do. So we are not hurt at all by eliminating it. I will tell you, quite frankly, why I agreed to it last year.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** One minute.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** We were dealing with a so-called omnibus crime bill, and in order to have something in that bill which would, in order to have something in the bill, I agreed to withdraw my opposition to putting some information about boot camps, but I've never been persuaded that they have any value. This amendment takes care of all of the language referring to the boot camps. I hope by now you have a copy of the amendment before you. If there is any part of it which is unclear, either from the standpoint of drafting, or from the standpoint of what it actually does, I will answer those questions.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Chambers. We have lights on. First, Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Hillman and Hartnett.