

SPEAKER WITHEM: It's withdrawn.

CLERK: The next motion is by Senator Abboud. Senator, this is the first amendment, 4336.

SENATOR ABOUD: Withdraw.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It's withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Abboud would move to return the bill for a specific amendment, AM4379.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, this amendment on LB 988 is the pared down version of the 1994 crime package, LB 1351. What this amendment provided for essentially the same as the Judiciary Committee amendment minus the structured programming that was a part of the committee amendment. That was taken out because of the cost involved in the...the cost involved that went with those particular programs. So what you have is a pared down version of the crime package minus the excessive A bill which damaged the enactment of the bill this year. I was prepared to bring this issue up today because I felt that since it deal with one Governor's crime package, the juvenile package which is essentially construction of a prison, juvenile secure facility, I felt that this would be an excellent vehicle to address the adult crime bill. The sections meshed cleanly within each other and I felt it was a good piece of legislation to amend it to, but the key supporter of this piece of legislation, Governor Nelson, has decided that this is probably not the best vehicle to address this issue on and, for that reason, I'm going to be pulling the amendment. I don't know, at this particular time, whether the crime package is dead for this year. I have learned that it's not over till it's over and there may be some other vehicles out there which...which may be able to address this particular issue. And, for that reason, I'm going to be pulling the amendment but I did distribute the amendment in hopes that the members will, in their time here on the floor, if they want to look through and see what may be coming later this session, they will have that ability to take the time to go through it. So, Mr. President, I would request the withdrawal of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Any further items?