

program, the training program, the type of training program that's acceptable isn't defined in here, they could be put to work on county work gangs is basically what the bill says. There is no guarantee in here for the fact that they have to be people that have been looking for work and have turned it down, and these could be people that are looking for work and don't have it. Another thing I'm concerned with by this approach is this is a bill that was summarily disposed of a couple of years ago and those individuals that were bringing the bill forward, not inside the Legislature, but outside the Legislature are smarting a little bit over the fact that the Legislature didn't support that and are very insistent that their bill get through. My concern is that we've heard lots of nice remarks on the floor of the Legislature here from Senators Abboud, Senator Beck and others talking about the value of amending this bill, I guess, I'm hopeful that when the lobbyists that are interested in LB 422 hear about this approach that they're going to be equally as enthusiastic about the change, that we don't have them saying, oh my gosh, this is not acceptable to us, this type of amendment procedure we're talking about and slow the process down. I think what I hear Senator Wesely, Senator Abboud, Senator Beck, others talking about is, is probably a commendable approach. I'm just hopeful that when it gets to Select File we don't forget that we've agreed to make these sort of amendments and I trust Senator Abboud and Senator Beck to be honorable individuals, but I'm concerned about those people who I haven't heard to be as enthusiastic about it so maybe, hopefully, Senator Abboud and Senator Beck and others will attempt to convince the lobbyists that are supporting this bill that amending it is, in fact, a good approach. There's probably some things can be done to make this a good bill. I don't think it is at this point, but I'm hopeful that those changes will take place. With that, I will probably go along with what Senator Wesely and some of the other opponents of the bill think needs to be done with it at this point.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Just a couple points on the bill that I'd like to obviously state and a couple of questions I'd like to ask I believe of Senator Abboud. First of all, I'm getting a little concerned about the policy, about the flow of the Legislature at this particular point. We have a lot of members for various reasons, I'm sure all justified, are not here so we're laying things over. We're