

suggest, at the outset, one of those two should be the position that we ought to be taking. As the bill stands, I don't think the language is going to be sufficient to allow the boot camp process to work in a fashion that anybody would like. So I think the choices are to adopt the committee language which would get that into a position that the boot camps would function in a constitutional manner or to adopt the Bernard-Stevens/Withem amendment which would take all of the boot camp language out. I would hope we would get to...one of those two should be the policy choice. Boot camps have been around since about 1983. Georgia had the first boot camp in the country at that time. And it's...boot camps have come around for several reasons. They've developed some interest for a lot of...for a lot of different reasons. The primary reasons though that have been offered, at least in other states, are lowering the cost of corrections. By putting people in a short-term shock incarceration sort of environment, you can lower the cost of what it takes to incarcerate offenders. The boot camp, as proposed here, is envisioned as a 180-day boot camp, and they vary around the country from 90 to 120 days is where the bulk of them are, but 90 to 180 days are the range generally. The boot camp con...the boot camp proposals generally...I've got to clear that up, I left my coffee on Senator Pirsch's desk. She just brought it over to me and Senator Chambers thought she was...saw her and thought she was going to bring coffee to everybody on the floor now, and he was interested in his. The...the...I guess this adds new meaning to working with Senator Pirsch. The boot camp proposal is significantly less. This one is envisioned at 4 unites of 25 each or a 100-bed facility. The facility that it would take otherwise, we would require more beds because we're compressing that into a shorter period of time and, hopefully, encouraging modification of behavior through that type of incarceration. This boot camp, as do most of the boot camps around the country, include a component that would include drug rehabilitation, education, criminal behavior, personality modification, some of those types of programming. The studies that...at least that I've read indicate that those components are a necessary portion of the boot camp environment. A second area given for...or second reason for adopting boot camps is to decrease institutional crowding, as Senator Chambers mentioned in the last amendment a concern about crowding, and we do have a crowding situation right now. That crowding situation, we're on our way up in the prison system, we will likely be in, in the next year or two, I think Senator Wehrbein mentioned this when we were talking about the appropriations