

boot camps from both the committee amendments and the bill itself. So if this amendment is drafted properly, which I trust it is, a yes vote will mean that we will not spend \$6 million over the next two...the next two fiscal years over the next biennium on the boot camp idea. Voting no on this amendment will be a vote to spend \$6 million. The history of boot camps in this Legislature is...i an interesting one. In 1993, there was a different version of this bill, the omnibus crime bill, or maybe it wasn't nearly as omnibus as this one is, but the crime bill of 1993 enacted a boot camp provision during the 90-day session, an odd numbered year. During the even numbered year, 1994, the short session, we repealed the boot camp bill. This being the 90-day session and an odd numbered year, it is incumbent upon us, I guess, to reenact the boot camp bill so that in next year we can come back and repeal it, because that seems to be the trend we're developing. I'm suggesting that maybe we short-circuit that process and just not reenact it at this time. Information I've read about boot camps are, and Senator Lindsay indicated, that there has been experiments with boot camps around the country. The theory behind them is good. The practice other states have had has not been as good. And so what I'm suggesting we do is not spend the \$6 million at this time. Senator Lindsay made some references to that this is a different type of model that may be in other places. I'm certainly willing to look at different models, different approaches. I'm not willing to vote to send \$6 million off to this program until we have a better plan before us. This amendment then, at this time, very simply would remove reference to the boot camps from this bill. If it is still a good idea that the members would like to see enacted, I think it would be much better served if it came in a separate bill with some of these modifications from the traditional model spelled out better, introduced next year and standing on its own as opposed to being part of the omnibus crime bill. With that, Senator Crosby, how much time do I have left?

SENATOR CROSBY: About four and a half minutes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Four and a half minutes will be an appropriate amount of time for Senator Bernard-Stevens to have then. I will yield it to him.

SENATOR CROSBY: Six and a half minutes, I'm sorry, I can't add. (Laughter.)