

SPEAKER WITHEM: Oh, well, in that case...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'm relegated to four and a half. Six and a half is not nearly enough but I'll try to do it in less than four and a half, Senator Withem, because I have my light already on. A couple certainly on what Senator Withem was saying on the fiscal side, and I'm just going to hit the numbers real quick before I talk more on the policy side. Right now, if you look at the green sheet, we're showing a seven...if we do everything, pass everything on Select File and Final Reading, we're \$7 million in the hole. However, as we pointed out yesterday, that...that does not take into consideration Senator Dierks' bill which is about \$5 million, is not going to be up on Final Reading, he's going to wait...take that off the agenda, we're not going to have that. That frees up 5 million. And if we don't do LB 425, that frees up the 6 million, that's \$11 million. So you take the \$11 million we'll then save by not passing those bills, subtract it from the 7 million dollar deficit that we have and we're actually plus about 3.8, my calcula...yeah, \$3.8 million to the black, to the good. What that means is if we want to pass the crime bill without the boot camp, we can. There are dollars, takes us right down to 3 percent reserve but we can pass the omnibus crime bill without the boot camps because they're asking for '95-96, \$487,000; '96-97 another \$641,000, and then we get to the million dollar expenditures in '97-98 and '98-99, and so on. There would be then the money to do all of the rest of the crime bill if that's what the body wishes to do, but we can't do the boot camp and stay in a...and stay above...within our constitutional balanced budget requirement, just can't be done, unless we want to make another three to four million dollars of cuts which we have not been inclined to do. So, since we've said no on the cuts, now we're to the policy decisions. This is one that if you agree with the boot camp and you move it on, we just can't afford it, we just can't do that. I wanted...I wanted to bring that amendment or those numbers at least to the attention of the body. Policywise, there's a lot of things that have happened over the last few years on boot camps. Many, many states have been involved. Some of them have programs that have been very...somewhat successful, and probably there's one out there that's been very successful. I don't know right at this point. There have been a lot that have not been as successful as what they had hoped and they put a lot of dollars into the boot camp program, not...only to have it fall short. And when you read the literature on boot camps, you're going to see that one of