

the difficulties of opposing boot camps is because it has so much political ram...effect on the body politic. It's so easy to comprehend, to say boot camps is going to solve this problem, that problem, and the other problems. For example, Senator Lindsay, you know, has the handout that says we're going to protect the public, we're going to reduce overcrowding, we're going to save money, I like that one, punish or hold offenders and make them accountable. We're going to deter future crime and rehabilitate offenders. Who can vote against that? But when you look at the other states, what they've done, it is a very mixed bag. One of the policy questions that we have in Nebraska is in our dollars that we have available to spend where can we do the most helpful thing in the area of crime prevention? The body may say boot camp is, in fact, that one place. I think the body, a year ago on the juvenile justice, made a different decision. We actually voted not to do the boot camps, for two reasons. One of them was fiscally at the time, but the second one that was the underlying, underpinning of the entire juvenile justice bill was in order to get our juvenile justice process to a point where these young juveniles are not...notice, Senator Schimek, I said juvenile, even though I mix it every once in a while with juvenile I'm trying to amend my ways, we want to make sure that the juveniles do not get into the adult crime system. We don't want them to be the next generation of adult criminals. The underpinning of the whole juvenile justice bill that we passed last year is and will continue to be the community-based programs, and that is where the State of Nebraska will put dollars that we have and they will allow those families and individuals, the youngsters, to get the type of help they need in the beginning, whether it be family counseling, individual counseling, drug addiction help, whether it be abuse that they need to have dealt with, and so on, and we're going to be able to do that after an evaluation in the beginning rather than at the end. But to do the community-based programs, the first initial phase is this year and they have in the...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...budget the million dollars of General Fund dollars and they're hoping to get some federal fund dollars, but we are going to need, as we stated last year, at least five to eight million more dollars to begin the real phase of community development. The way I'm looking at the crime issue is that we have two issues. One is the adult crime that