

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, I guess the problem that I have with the language is it just...it doesn't say all of the following, it says any of the following, and it's not very clear whether that's mandated or not. And I don't know where work programs, that would be one I'm not sure where that would fit in under their estimated costs. But it is helpful to know that this is at least what they would be thinking about, but I think the language, if we're going to adopt this, needs to be clearer. The other thing I have to do is with the overall cost of operation once you've spent this up front money of \$6 million and I will just turn my light on again and ask it at a later time. Thanks.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, on the Withem amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I support the Withem amendment. I have been opposed to boot camps from the beginning and was one of those instrumental in having it stripped from the original crime bill when we had put it in. This is another of those alluring, politically attractive proposals which has not been successful anywhere. When there is as much experience with this experiment as exists and nobody can show a successful model, why in the world do we even seriously consider investing \$6 million in a failed enterprise? In different states, under different circumstances, presided over by different individuals, the results have not been positive. There is a lady who is an expert in this field and she has made a study of these operations in several of the states, and in those which had the model that the Attorney General wants, namely a lot of physical exercise and hard work, he said, after the military model, I don't know if he's ever been in the military but it's funny how those who haven't emphasize that the most, so I'm assuming that since he's so enamored of the military model he's probably never been in the military. But anyway, those were proved to be the least successful if you measure success in terms of the recidivism rate. Those who had gone to these hard-nosed military style camps, of the kind the Attorney General said ought to be in place in Nebraska, had a higher rate of return to crime and a higher rate of those going on to prison. So, again, if we're trying to avoid repeat offenders, it's a mistake to adopt a model which has shown it can do nothing but fail. There have been some states that started out with these proposals and dropped them. I had talked to the man who was, maybe he still