

chew on, because the difficult decision is probably inevitable to make...to set for another prison. And my thought is, where does a boot camp fit in? I haven't quite been convinced that it is a satisfactory way to go. I know there are many that do, and I need a stronger case at this point to vote for a boot camp simply on the rationale of its effectiveness, let alone the cost of the money, which obviously I want to save 5 or \$6 million right at this point, I want to do that. But I don't want to save that money if it really can help us and they really are effective. And that's the part I'm struggling with. I haven't heard yet a case made that a boot camp is really the way to go.

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I really...

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein, thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Schimek, your light is next. Senator Schimek doesn't appear to be on the floor. Senator Matzke, your light is next on the Withem amendment.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I really wish that I could support the concept of a boot camp. I went through OCS, I've had that experience, I know what a boot camp does, I know the discipline involved. I wish in some way in my own mind I could rationalize support for the boot camp idea. But unless we're willing to put the money into a program that would provide training, education, some program that would help young men to go back into the private world, civilian world and earn a living and be useful citizens, I think we're just wasting our money. There is actually an alternative procedure being used now by a lot of judges, a lot of judges with first time offenders, felony charges, will sentence them to the Lincoln Correctional Center or D&E, Diagnostic and Evaluation headquarters for 30 to 90 days, it gives them a taste of what it is to actually be incarcerated in prison. And after a 30 to 90-day evaluation, they come back and often then are placed on probation, and that approach has proved to be very valuable. After giving them an actual chance to wake up each morning and look through the bars and learn what it would be like to be incarcerated in the penitentiary or the correctional center. I don't think that would be true of boot camp. Boot camp is not going to work unless we're willing to put out the money to include in it a program of five or six hours a day education, training, vocational and technical education. And I haven't