

be. I certainly agree with Senator Pedersen's remarks about some of the efforts that we need to put on programs, particularly the community-based programs. I feel that prevention is probably the best answer. Somehow we do need to build in some self-discipline, we need to build some respect for law, we need to build a strong work ethic in these people, but above all I think prevention of crime is certainly the best answer. I wondered if Senator Lindsay was somewhere on the floor, I had a couple of questions that...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. You talked about the prison capacity of being about 133 percent or so?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, and I should say, Elaine, that that...I've been corrected on that, it's actually a little bit higher than that, that was on some older figures. They're expecting that it would be approaching 140 percent by the end of the year.

SENATOR STUHR: Do you know what the courts have established for their point of overcrowding?

SENATOR LINDSAY: It's not...there's no bright line on that they've adopted. But we have...in the past we've been as high, I believe, as 153 percent. We've been able to withstand a court challenge at that time, but at that time there was prison construction already in the pipeline.

SENATOR STUHR: I see, okay. I have another question, too. The people that would be placed in these boot camps, would they otherwise be on probation or would they be serving...

SENATOR LINDSAY: They would be people who would otherwise be going to prison, that's the intent in the bill.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, all right, thank you. I guess in summary though I still support the amendment to eliminate the boot camps. I feel fiscally that we will look at that. There is actually a higher per diem cost for those in boot camps. Also I feel that the time spent in boot camps, as we discussed earlier, is a very limited time, and that it's going to be very difficult