

to change or reverse behavior in that period of time. So I support the...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next. (inaudible) off, Senator Pedersen, your light is next.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to visit just a little bit more. You know putting youth in boot camps they would do very well in the boot camp while they're there, because my experience with youth is they do well when they're told what to do. And I think I've told the story before, but in the history of our society, youth have always done well when they were told what to do, that's why our militaries were made up of youth. But when you don't tell them what to do and when they don't have any structure is when they get into trouble. And then are the ones that are going to jail. A little bit about the treatment side. Most of them come to us defiant. We try and work with them and that's done through groups with the other young people, and hope to get them to the point of compliance. Boot camps are very good at getting people to compliance. What they ultimately want is acceptance. So if we can get somebody who's defiant to look at compliance, and then get them into acceptance, it's great. But we must remember that we're working with youth. You have to stick with them all the time, and you have to stick with them until they mature into emotional beings which used to happen at the age of 21. We've got society right now, and some people looking at wanting to make them adults at age 16 and 17. Just because you've gone through puberty, people, doesn't mean you're grown up. And that's one of the things we look at today. And we wonder why these kids were compliant and then switched back to defiance, because we took away the structure that made them compliant. And we wonder why they don't get acceptance. Acceptance doesn't happen a whole lot with young people, it's part of growing up. We used the age of 21 for many, many centuries as the age of being mostly...emotionally grown up, and some of us weren't emotionally grown up at that time and people today, a lot of people at the age of 21; 16, 17, and 18-year-olds are not emotionally grown, they need structure. Now I'm not saying that the boot camp can't give that, because that's what it will give.