

qualify for some federal funding, so it's, again, something we should look at again this year. From there, once these have been considered, we can start moving through the amendments that we have, which I've mentioned are, basically, add-ons of other bills, and then, but at least at that point, we will have looked at the provisions of the bill. I suspect, again I turned out to be accurate at the first level, that we may go for an extended period of time in debate on this bill. If cloture is again necessary, we want to at least have looked at the bill, itself, by the time...if we have to go to cloture, so that those provisions that may be bothering some of you, or those provisions that you want to make a comment on, or those provisions that we ought to have a vote on, specifically, can be voted on, or commented on, or supported by the members. By doing this, we can, basically, go through and allow that. And as I mentioned, I can defend each and every item in this bill, and will do that in most of these occasions. Some of these I think are changes, where they're E & R, just changes the administration or corrections, whatever was suggested to us, that we can go with, but the...I can defend the portions of the bill. I hope to win, well, I hope to win all of them, but that may not happen, but I think they are things that ought to be decided. If the Legislature, like on boot camps on General File, if there is things the Legislature feels differently about, then that is something that as long as 25 people here agree on it, that's what we are trying to...the kind of bill we are trying to craft. It is unfortunate, I am not a big fan of the cloture because I think it tends to limit how much debate we have on some of these more extensive bills, more important, really important bills that we have seen in several bills this year, where the debate is not necessarily a filibuster type of debate. It is actually debate which is developing a legislative history, or very legitimate debate. So this is a way of at least getting to the bill, itself, and discussing each of those pieces, not each piece of the bill, but the bigger pieces of the bill, so that we can either vote up or vote down on those pieces and hopefully arrive at a bill that is a consensus, that at least the majority and hopefully a larger than majority can support. With that, as I mentioned, we will, as soon as the final version of this gets down from E & R, I would, again, I would ask to substitute it at that time, and the copies will be coming around to you. So with that, I am going to urge the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Elmer, yours