

we now have in adult corrections, the kids we now have in adult corrections, if we are going to put them in this kind of a institution we aren't going to have much change no matter how much we spend on them. What I am suggesting here is that we hold up this money and take a look at a more permanent type program by saving it and coming back another year, next year, and looking at putting it into a, quote, prep school. Some people like to call it a boot camp, but I don't like the boot camp, but I'm talking about a long-term home situation for real first time offenders and minimal records in juvenile court, where we keep them long enough that we actually do something with them till they graduate from high school, get a GED, have learned some work trades, not a bunch of social programs. The young people that we now have in prison, all Corrections really has to do is take one of the housing units they have in any one of their facilities and designate it a juvenile facility, and they could separate the juveniles from the adults now. Maybe not sight and sound, but they can keep them apart from one another. And believe me, people, the young people that are in prison probably have more of an influence on the older ones than the older ones do on the young ones any more. All I'm trying to do is hopefully get you to understand that we need to spend the money on something we think that's going to work and not something that just looks good or sounds good; something that's going to...an institution that's going to give some fairness, firmness, compassion, and some time where we've really got a chance to change some people instead of just building another prison. And no matter how many programs you put into it, if you're not going to keep them long enough you're not going to do them any good. I would like you to take a look at this. If you've got any questions I would be glad to answer them for you. But this amendment stops the whole juvenile confinement facility under the Office of Juvenile Services, and would put that money on hold and we'd have to come back and take a look at it later. But I really do believe, by building this place, even though I was a big supporter of it in the past, is all we're doing is building another facility that will create no change in the type of people we have in that facility, that we have in our corrections facilities now that would go in this particular institution, would have no real gain. I think we want to spend our money wiser. I think we can go back and get those people who are first time offenders, who have proven that they need more time and more programs, and not a bunch of social programs, I'm talking about structured programs, education, work programs,