

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Mr. Clerk, an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, I had a series of amendments that had been filed. I understand that Senator Hohenstein would like to withdraw those temporarily anyway and offer an amendment by Senators Hohenstein, Abboud and Charbers, AM0944, Senator. (Amendment appears on page 1138 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers, are you going to take that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I am. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this bill contained in its original form many varied and disparate components and having lengthy and serious discussions with Senator Hohenstein primarily, also Senator Abboud and some others, it was determined that what should be done in order that this bill will not block the movement of other legislation is to draft what we call a consensus amendment. Under that amendment, because so many of these proposals will require extensive discussion, some of them are agreed to by none of us, others of them we might have some agreement on and still others we agree on. Now that is speaking in general terms. What the amendment will do is strike practically every section from the bill. What will be left are the provisions related to the boot camp concept. Even while leaving that in the bill we recognize that additional work has to be done even on that so that we can make sure that if this concept should be adopted, it will be viewed as an alternative to putting certain categories of young people in the penitentiary. The way the bill is drafted now with that proposal, a person could do 90 days of this hard labor, hard time and at the end of it still go to prison. That is not the intent of any of the people on the floor who support the boot camp concept. So what this amendment will do, to state it in a nutshell again, is strike all of the provisions from the bill other than the boot camp concept. Between General File and Select File there will be additional discussion to see what ought to be added back to the bill. All that we have agreed to so far is this amendment that is being offered this morning. Senator Hohenstein and others may offer proposals with which I will strongly disagree. We recognize that, but those will be dealt with one at a time on their merits and any time that I have remaining I would give to Senator Hohenstein on the chance that I may not have stated something correctly or may have left something out that ought to have been put into the record.