

other sections of the bill with the drug-free school zones, the truth in sentencing, mandatory minimum sentencing portions of the bill will probably be revisited on Select File. Hopefully, in some manner that can be agreed upon, but at least with this particular portion of the bill I feel we have a good foundation to begin to look at some of the correctional facilities and the methods in which we deal with criminals once they are sent to the facility. The boot camp provision is something that has been used in a number of different states. It's in varying forms as far as its use. But the main thing that you should understand with the boot camp is that it is aimed at individuals between the ages of 18 and 24 who have committed nonviolent offenses, the type of offense for example, a drug offense. These nonviolent offenders or first-time offenders, first-time conviction for felony and the goal behind this is that an individual would be going to these type of minimum security facilities in hopes that in some way, in some manner they will not be returning to a correctional facility in the future. The primary aim of this bill will be to, or of this boot camp facility, will be to deal with what a lot of these individuals, the problems that they basically have focusing in on drug abuse as well as alcohol abuse and with a strong rehabilitation program I feel that these types of facilities will be a success in Nebraska as they have been in other states. So I would move the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, momentarily we have what was called in history when I was a very young person going to school, the era of good feeling. There will be a battle on this bill if there is an attempt to reintroduce some of the types of issues that were in the original bill. I can't vote for LB 627 because I don't know what the final form will be, however, I'm not resisting the movement of the bill to Select File. I'm not suggesting that anybody else vote against the bill. It does provide a vehicle to have some serious discussion that has been needed for a long time on some of these proposals which in the past have had a high profile from the standpoint of politics and maybe newspaper coverage but there was not the substantive discussion and debate which would deal with underlying causes that might make some of these proposals necessary. There is no way, for example, any state can build its way out of the problem of prison overcrowding. Illinois tried it to the tune of hundreds of