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SENATOR ABOUD: Well it's a different type of approach. It's characterized as a state within a facility running from 60 to 180 days, depending on which states approach and the idea behind it is to focus in on the individual's problems and with the promise that there was a reduction in the amount of sentencing at the other end. Currently, or when an individual is convicted of a felony, they currently, with the good time that we've enacted, they can serve half the time on the minimum end. A person sentenced to five years in prison, five to ten, he's going to probably serve two and a half years. And we've used that as a way to try to encourage individuals to be good while they're in the correctional facilities, not violate the rules there. Now this takes a slightly different approach in that if they, let's say a person would be sentenced for bad check writing or...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...some sort of drug offense to time maybe up to two and a half years or five years, I don't know, whatever would be worked out with the Department of Corrections. That individual would be given the option to go through these type of shock incarceration or boot camp incarceration, focusing in on the problems which a lot of these individuals have if the judge, first the judge would have to see fit to sentence the individual in that facility, but assuming that this person would have a drug or alcohol problem and he's trying to seek help, that he would take this approach rather than just warehousing them into a maximum security facility.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: I just want to be very brief. We're just about out of time. I do think there is a need for a continuum of correctional facilities and we don't have that in the State of Nebraska. Boot camp, and we're going to revisit the issue after some changes in the statutes, but frankly, if you have somebody who is probably not appropriate for probation, but probably not appropriate for a maximum security institution, you don't have any choice. It's going to be one or the other. If