

they fail on probation, it's going to be one or the other. There's just no choice in Nebraska and I think this is an attempt to get nonviolent first-time offenders who maybe have some other substance abuse problems an opportunity to go into an institution short term, and then maybe come out of that institution on probation for a period of time, that will frankly save the state money if they are not incarcerated in a maximum security institution for a long term because that is extremely expensive. This is part of the continuum that we do not have and I think the thought is that the facilities would probably be at existing facilities. We wouldn't have to build new facilities but frankly, some of the amendments I think that we're going to try to draft and offer on Select File will deal with the financing issue because this is not to be implemented until 1996, but I don't think it's fair that we ask the Legislature to approve something that we haven't found a way to fund. So I think that's going to be an issue we're going to directly deal with and I guess I would urge the body to move this ahead. I'm not sure if this air of good feeling is going to continue, but we are going to try to work out some of the concerns of the members in some legislation, some parts of this that are not in the bill at this point and we're going to have a chance to revisit this bill at least one more time on Select File with some extended debate on these issues after we've brought some amendments. So I would urge advancement of 627.

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

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have a question or a comment for Senator Abboud since I was the swing vote to get this out of committee...

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Jennie.

SENATOR ROBAK: ...as amended...

SENATOR ABOUD: Didn't I say that before?

SENATOR ROBAK: ...or fairly gutted and with the idea that the way it was going to be and I think I just heard you say a few minutes ago that you were going to reintroduce those portions that we took out at a later date? Is that right?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Abboud.