

rehabilitate you where somebody can make you turn left face, right face, to the rear, march, or when you're marching down the street take a pointer and hit you on the top of your steel helmet if you're out of step and call you all kind of things and try to strip you of your feeling of dignity and self-worth. That does not rehabilitate anybody. And in many people's minds that is the concept of this so-called boot camp. You'll get some rough looking, tough talking, tough acting individuals who are going to bully and intimidate some young tough guys who are in the process of trying to vindicate their manhood, you're going to try to bully them into becoming upright milk-toast, and that's the way they will perceive this if it's not handled in the proper way and when you issue the challenge, they're going to respond. So we have to make certain that we're clear on what it is we're talking about and before we make this radical a change in policy, everybody should understand what it is we're doing. By reading the language of the bill, I don't believe there is anybody on the floor, even those who support the concept, who would feel that the language in the bill is adequate. There is nothing in there which says anything about what methods are going to be used to try to ensure that these young people subjected to this system will not come back. There is nothing which would prevent those who would operate one of these camps from handling the young people in such a way that they'll fail this effort and then have to go into the penitentiary and after they go there, having failed the boot camp could be a mark of distinction. I'm one of those they couldn't break and now I'm here and you're not going to break me either. We have to understand that we're not talking about people that might grow up in an academy where all they have to do is tell their parents and they can get the academy teacher fired or something like that. We are dealing, in many instances, with young people who feel that the world is at war...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...against them and they are at way against the world, not all of them. So we cannot pour gasoline on a fire and expect to quench it. We should not rush to adopt this concept without being aware of what it is that we're doing. I had told Senator Hohenstein that I would like to see a study undertaken because there is information from states which indicate that the recidivism rate among those who go to the boot camps in some instances is higher than among those who didn't go