

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Abboud, as you know, I'm very supportive of...of what you're trying to do on 627, and particularly with alternative ways of...of...of dealing with the people that we have in the prison system, rather than going to the penitentiary, and also trying to relieve the overcrowding. However, one of the concerns I have, and actually the Appropriations Committee has had, in fact we've made a committee priority bill, a bill that says when we start doing things in regards to prisons or numbers of people that would be in prisons, that we actually appropriate a direct cost to that. And I guess my answer is, if we go with the bill that way it is now, or my question is, if we go with the bill the way it is now, what will the cost be of 627, as we have now? And, if it's unknown, which I think it may be at this point as we're trying to get numbers from corrections, would it be your intent that in the appropriations...in the appropriation fiscal note that when we get to Select File that we would be putting in with the bill an appropriation that would clearly cover, not only what we want to do on boot camps, if that's the intention of the Legislature, but also fund the help that would be needed for these individuals, particularly I'm thinking of drug and alcohol, sex abuse, or counseling, psychological services, that we would actually have the funding for those, because as you know, Senator, on the Appropriations Committee we don't have enough funds now to do all of the things we're doing in the adult system. So I would just be kind of curious as to your thoughts on how we're going to proceed on the funding aspect. And maybe Senator Hohenstein would be better to ask...to ask, but...

SENATOR ABBODD: Yes, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I think that Senator Hohenstein could probably, serving on the Appropriations Committee, I've discussed this issue with him, and I feel that he could probably best address that particular question, if that would be all right with you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I think, and frankly the bill, and you're going to have to take us on some faith on this, but the bill as drafted, right now, calls for implementation of the boot camps in 1996. Frankly, we cannot, and I would not vote for implementation of these boot camps without some substantial changes to the language in the bill. We will not implement boot camps in this state unless there is an identified cost to the implementation,