

was all the educational programs inside the prisons, was the drug and substance abuse counseling and treatment inside the prisons. So, basically, we are going to be in a system that has no alternatives, the judges have no alternatives. They either put them on probation, oh, incidentally, the courts have indicated that probation would be an area they'd cut. So maybe we won't have as much probation available. We will have a system where, and if you think that by cutting probation and by cutting the room and facilities that somehow you stop the crimes that are occurring, don't kid yourself. Those go on. They continue. If you want to do some of these things, you'd better start thinking about alternatives and options, and the system that we have got in place right now probably is not very effective because we have no continuum, as I talked the other day, a continuum of treatment. And I don't expect the body to take as a leap of faith that boot camps are going to solve all of our problem. That is one piece of the idea, and one piece of the puzzle, in addition to other alternatives to incarceration that we need to develop across the state which are, frankly, less expensive than what we are doing now, and more effective. If you don't want to do that, then, fine, just accept the fact that we will be where we are at. We will keep putting people in prison that, frankly, don't have the resources now to treat those people while they are in. They will get out of prison. They don't stay there forever. They will get out of prison, they will come back. They will commit additional crimes. This is a cycle that is never going to stop.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: And you can stand up today and wail all you want against boot camps, and how they are bad, but I wish you'd offer an alternative to what we've got here. If your alternative is to kill the bill and do nothing, I guess, so be it. Understand that the alternative means that we are going to put more people in prisons that are probably underfunded, and that are not being able to do the jobs that we are asking them to do right now. If we have to commit more funds to alternatives, I'm willing to do that because I know in the long-term benefit of this state that's what's needed. If you don't want to do that, fine, vote no on the bill. I think that is probably short-sighted, and I would suggest that we advance LB 627 on with the committee amendments as they exist, and then work together with the people who have some concerns about this bill and about the legislation, about other alternatives, and