

so-called boot camps?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBLOUD: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Abboud is a very generous fellow this morning. He is saying that the language that's there now was drafted in general terms so that the Department of Corrections could work with it, but this is just another part of a very, very poorly drafted bill that was dumped into the Legislature for us to do a lot of work to try to bring something sensible out of that which was nonsensical when it was offered. I am willing to work with anybody or any groups among us if we are trying to get to some meaningful alternatives to incarceration. But if LB 627 is going to be moved forward in its present form, I will not vote to advance it. I will vote, though, to add Senator Ashford's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Abboud, did you wish to discuss the amendment further?

SENATOR ABBLOUD: No.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Ashford, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Speaker Baack. Let me try to just clarify this one more time. What I'm trying to get at here is to find a sense of the body on whether they want me to continue to work on this community corrections between now and Select File. I think it is a valid concept. It has gained acceptance throughout the country. Colorado, again, has had a very successful program that has diverted a number of inmates into the communities. The counties like it because it enables some funding to follow these people into the communities. It tries to, as much as possible, build up, reconcile these individuals back with their communities so that they can believe in themselves again, and the community can start believing in them again. They can work and contribute to the community and to their own cost of living in the community corrections system, and the corrections system, generally. It helps, in Colorado and other states, it has had significant impact on victim's reparations because the individuals are making money and can pay more into the Victim's Reparations Fund. This is a very