

important piece, I think. I've worked on it for a year now and I would like to continue to work on it between now and Select File. I just want a sense from this body here to tell me, yeah, it is enough of a concept that it's worthy of continuing to look at it. Just tell me yes by voting for this and I will continue to work on it, have it back, and work with Senator Hohenstein and Senator Abboud and try to have something more specific when we get to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing on the amendment by Senator Ashford. We will now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Ashford's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted. Before I proceed to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature today. We have guests of Senator Bromm. His mother, Della Bromm from Tekamah is here. His sister, Phyllis Holmquist from West Des Moines, Iowa, and his sister, Joan Anderson from Tekamah. They are under the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Also under the north balcony, we have a special guest, we have former Senator Emil Beyer. Emil, would you wave. It is good to have you with us, Emil. Senator Lindsay, on the bill.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise to raise a couple of issues. One is cost and one is whether it is the appropriate time to be looking at the boot camp principle. I call your attention to a little issues in brief statement that was passed around. It came from the National Conference of State Legislatures. I thought I would pass it around for you. On the reverse side of that, I'd point out a couple of things. A study in Georgia showed that 38.5 percent of those offenders who participate in the boot camp return to prison compared to 38 percent who went through the regular prison system. Recidivism rate, the difference there is statistically insignificant. We are dealing with something that you have no better success, at least in that system, than you did in any other system. In Oklahoma, over a 29-month period, half of the boot camp participants returned to prison compared to 28 percent of prison inmates. The recidivism rate was twice as high in the boot camp proposal than it was under the prison proposal. You