

should have a boot camp program because of its success, because we have prison overcrowding at the current time, and we will in the future, and it will reduce cost to the State of Nebraska. I think the success, the reduced cost, all are a formula for success, and I...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...would ask for advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Before we move to Senator Chambers, who is next, I would like to make an announcement. There are 7 ten through twelfth graders from Northeast High School, here in Lincoln, that are guests of Senator Wesely, with their representative, and they are in the south balcony. Would you please rise and be recognized. They were just leaving, sorry about that, folks. Anyway, we will move on now to Senator Chambers on LB 627.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Crosby, you were right about people needing to be taught how to do things at a grocery store, as basic as that may seem, because if you will remember, former President Bush went to a grocery store and was shocked at the fact that they have machines that will read off the cost of an item. So you don't just have to be a young lady to not know, you can have been through the military, you can have been to Yale, you can have practiced law, you can have been the Vice-President for eight years, and then been the President, and still not know what to do in a grocery store, so those skills definitely are needed, and maybe if they had been taught to that gentleman at an earlier date, the world would be in a better condition than it is right now, but be that as it may, this concept of boot camp comes from that same administration. This NCSL handout that Senator Lindsay gave us indicates that the pioneering programs did not take place in 1970, Senator Abboud, but in 1983 with Oklahoma and Georgia, so the periodical you are looking at is comparing programs that may attempt to do similar things but the boot camp was not started that early. What we need to realize is that only five states are actually operating what would be called a boot camp, they are Idaho, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina and Oklahoma. All these other states have passed enabling legislation but haven't funded. If you look at the Bureau of Justice Assistance, 1999 program, 1990 program plan,