

with which I disagree and that I intend to do whether Senator Witek and whoever her mentor or Svengali is feel about it. She is not going to tell me how to do my job on the floor of the Legislature nor is her Svengali and we will discuss each one of these proposed amendments in detail and they in turn will be amended. So maybe what we ought to do is go ahead and defeat the bracket motion and let this be an educational experience on the 40 some odd day of the Legislature. In any case if this attempt is made to put some of this stuff back into this bill, the battle will be joined, and if you want to start with it this morning we can go ahead and do it. But if there are those of you who recognize that when the Legislature is contemplating a serious and radical change in direction when dealing with the matter of crimes and punishment and alternatives to incarceration, those of you who recognize that will understand how much more productive it will be for those who have an interest in this matter to work out as many differences as we can without taking the time on the floor of the Legislature. Since I've already told you it matters not to me how you handle it, I will have no more to say on the motion until my closing, but it's in your hands.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Before we proceed I would like to call the senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Crosby are 40 students in the second grade and two sponsors from Everett Elementary in Lincoln. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Senator Witek, you're next.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam President, members of the body, this is a serious matter and I think you'll find if you listen to both Senator Chambers and myself, we're not really saying that much different on the matter of the boot camps and the community corrections. I agree with Senator Chambers and Senator Abboud and Senator Ashford that this needs to be done, that this is changing direction, that there is a lot of work that needs to be done. That's why in my first amendment I will strike that from the bill and allow this year for us to vote on the four other parts of the bill that I have suggested. I am not carrying water here for anyone other than the 8,500 people who voted for me and the 32,000 members in my community who want me here and because I talked about this issue during my campaign, they were well aware how important this was to me and just by making it my priority bill shows you how important this is to me. This is a serious matter and I would ask you to defeat the bracket motion