

major changes in the criminal code, as well as dealing with problems in our correctional system, through the boot camp. Most of the time that I've been in the Nebraska Legislature I've served on the Judiciary Committee. And I've seen a lot of different bills come through the committee and die and be reintroduced year, after year. And it seems to me that sometimes legislation takes time to get enacted. And time is all relevant. It can take one year, or three years, or five years, or maybe like the boot camp twelve to fifteen years. And ideas that are around that are good eventually, I feel, will be enacted by this Legislature. Because some of the ideas that were brought forth by 627 are not being enacted this year, it doesn't mean that those ideas go away. And the fact that some of these ideas were debated here on the floor this year is a step forward. It's a step forward when these ideas are brought before the Legislature, because it provides the body with information on this legislation. Now, it's my hope that in the future some of the ideas that were brought forward by LB 627 will be enacted, and I will be supporting those bills, and I'll probably be carrying some of them. But at this time it's probably more realistic to accept what we have accomplished this year, and we've accomplished a great deal with LB 627 and the boot camp and with the community corrections. And I hate to give that up at this time. I think we need to move forward with this bill, pass it in its current form, and the income back next year with legislation that is a part of the bill as it was originally introduced. So I'm going to be opposing the bracket motion at this time. It's my hope, at this time, that the individuals that have amendments up there, that they withdraw those amendments so that we can get on with the bill. I understand Senator Withem's frustration. Senator Withem, it appears to Senator Withem that the...that some of the supporters want more, and some of the opponents want much less. But maybe that's part of what legislation is all about, it's part of that give and take and we find a consensus, on which 25 members within the body are willing to accept. When there was a bracket motion up, brought by Senator Coordsen, during the last round of debate on this issue, I didn't vote on the bracket motion. I was willing to accept whatever the body chose to do with this bill. At that time there was only about ten members that supported it, and over 26 or 27 members were opposed to the bracket motion, a motion I didn't vote on. And that would have bracketed it for next year, January of next year, '94. This one kills the bill, and for that reason I'm adamantly opposed to it. I think you have to be realistic. And serving in the body for a