

one-half cent sales tax with you. And I'm waiting...I guess he didn't hear it. (Laugh.) But it is something that I'm waiting for with baited breath. Be that as it may, I rise to oppose the bracket motion. I'd like to...to comment briefly on Senator Abboud's...the work that Senator Abboud has done on this bill. This is Senator Abboud's bill and sometimes we forget that. And was that an ungermane comment? I can't remember. Nongermane. To thank Senator Abboud for his efforts on this bill. Doing a crime bill, or a comprehensive crime bill, in any legislative body, is probably the most difficult job that can be done. And I know in watching the crime bill go through the United States Congress, still in the United States Congress after I don't know how many years, with debates about gun control, or no gun control, debates about death penalty and whether to extend the death penalty or to restrict the death penalty, and debates on ad infinitum on issues similar to what we're debating here. I did a survey in my district, and one of the questions that I asked of my constituents was what they thought about the boot camp community corrections, community corrections bill. And I think 93 percent of those that were inquired of the...that I inquired of that issue indicated their support. And I know that...and it's really for that reason that I oppose the bracket motion. Whenever we can get a measure before the Legislature that has that kind of support by that many people, I think is certainly worthy of discussion and not to be bracketed. I doubt if we could find any other kind of provision on any other subject that would engender that kind of support, other than maybe a motion to adjourn sine die. But, be that as it may, I think Senator Abboud has really done an excellent job in bringing this crime bill to us. And I remember talking to him about this bill prior to the session beginning, and he was indicating how rough it was going to be, and how difficult it is, especially when you have someone bringing the bill or supporting the bill who is not a member of the Legislature, in this case the Attorney General. The Attorney Gen...and I understand his frustration, obviously, he would like to see the bill passed as it was originally introduced. And it's very easy to go around the state and criticize the Legislature for not passing the bill that you would like to see passed, especially when you're not a member of the Legislature and have to go through the give and take that it takes to get a piece of legislation passed. In any event, I think we've made significant strides. In fact, if you look back over the last two or three years, many of the pieces of the crime bill that's being debated on the federal level have been passed by this