

next session, and there's a couple of reasons for doing that. I, for one, don't want to lose what we have now. I don't want to lose the possibility of the community corrections and the boot camp. I think the community corrections section of the bill could stand some more work. We do have...we do have the possibility of an interim study, which Senator Lindsay offered, and I think 40 some senators signed onto. Hopefully we would have the benefit of that study before January of next year and be able to utilize the findings to determine whether or not we should proceed with the bill as is, or whether we should offer any more amendments to the bill. There are some things that...there were 16 or 17 of us that signed on to sponsoring this bill to begin with. And I think that...I know that I signed onto it for more reasons than what's in the bill now. There's no cost, for example, to any great extent, to having drug free school zones. And I would be interested in the arguments against drug free school zones. Those things are real...are real matters that I think the public, I think the schools, people who are concerned about what's happening in certain parts of our state, if not all the state with regard to crime, they're interested in addressing those things. It's obvious to me that we're not going to be able to address them in this session. So the question is, you know, do we cut and run, or do we hang in there, study the issue more and try to do the very best bill that we can. Well, as a practical matter, the bill, as it exists right now, does nothing, does nothing until '95-96. So what have we gained by pushing the bill through other than to say that we passed the crime bill. I'm not interested necessarily in being able to claim that unless I think it's the very best bill that we can get and unless I think that we've done all the study, and all the backgrounding, all the research that's necessary. I support very much the interim study on the provisions of this bill, the amendments, and any other items that would be of relevance. And I would more than welcome the input of Senator Chambers or anyone else that's been interested in this bill in the interim study. I just think as a reasonable compromise and not as a...not as a put-down to either side, that it does make a lot of sense to get this bill out of here for this year, do the interim study and try and get on with it next session. If we're in the same situation we are in now, what have we lost? Nothing was going to become effective anyway. I thank you for your patients.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. On the Bromm amendment, Senator Witek.