

Sarpy County, in our area, Rick Wellman, who may or may not have had an opportunity to sign the letter. But be that as it may, what's interesting about the letter is what is so bothersome to me about how we're dealing with crime in our state, and that is what was left out of the letter. There is an urging here to bracket the bill and then to...and then...and then there's an urging, in the letter, to vote for all of these provisions, reduction in the delay in death penalty, and so forth and so on, all laudable issues that need to be debated. But no mention whatsoever of boot camps, and no mention whatsoever of...of...of community corrections, which, at least in talking to our county attorney in Douglas County, Jim Jansen, one of the...just one of the most incredible frustrations for him in dealing with crime and violence in Douglas County is the inability of our corrections system to handle those individuals that are sentenced into the correction system, and that furthermore the problems that they have with recidivism and those individuals who have committed crimes and who come back on the streets,...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...and who commit crimes again. So I think that this letter to me has very little if no credibility, because it does not deal with the full picture. And I grant you that, and would grant to the signers of this letters that they talk about issues that are important. But I am surprised and somewhat frustrated by the fact that they do not reference, in a positive way, the efforts that this Legislature has undertaken successfully so far in developing alternatives for...in the prison reform area. And if a \$20 million increase in the corrections budget in four years is not enough to cause some...some alert or bells and whistles to go off somewhere, then we're not adequately looking at this issue in a full and complete way. So, again, I would oppose the Bromm amendment, and hopefully we can, prior to four forty-three...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...get a vote on this and move it ahead. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Withem, on the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Chair, members of the body, I rise in