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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, if you are insistent on adopting a bracket motion, this would simply postpone discussion until tomorrow. When people have presented enough evidence to change my mind on something, and I change my mind and begin trying to support a move to bring to fruition that idea that my mind was changed on, I'm not going to lightly throw it away. We are merely at the point of gnashing of teeth and wailing that might occur later on in the session. This is mild, what is being done here. And if we have new senators whose hearts are palpitating and their palms are getting sweaty on this, we've got to make sure the doctor of the day stays here and has some oxygen tanks, and some of those electronic devices that you put on a person's chest and give them a jolt to start their heart beating again. This is like vacation, what we're doing here. And the reason I don't mind our discussion being on motions and amendments to motions to bracket is because the time is being taken that has to be expended. But if you'll notice, most of the discussion has been right on point, it has addressed the issues that 627, either in its original form or its amended form, has brought before us. And I think that is good and wholesome discussion. When people of differing points of view and temperaments and dispositions are together in a small place like this and we're going to argue our way through a matter, try to persuade each other, or whatever it is we're doing, there has got to be disagreement, we know that. But what is the ultimate outcome to be? I hope the ultimate outcome is that this bill will be enacted into law. I am very serious when I indicated, from the early days of the changes being made in this bill, that the boot camp concept distresses me, based on what I've seen of it in operation. But a number of us worked our way to a point where a concept is being put in place in such a way that preliminary work can be done. So we will know what it is we ultimately are going to agree to provide money for. We talked about education programs, drug treatment and counseling programs, we talked about a system whose aim is not to condition people to live a life of confinement. But to prepare them to return to society and survive there without committing predation upon the other citizens. And that, I think, is the purpose, the only legitimate purpose of penological enactments. If the goal is not to try to restore erring members of the community to full status in that society, then perhaps the most expeditious way to deal with any violator of the law, no matter how minor, take