

SENATOR HALL: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Debate is ceased. Senator Chambers, to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I withdraw my amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Amendment has been withdrawn. We're back to the amendment by Senator Bromm. Senator Abboud, your light is on. The house...the call is raised.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I'll just take a couple moments here to kind of give you a...kind of a history on LB 627. I...the bill, as it was originally introduced, is something that I could have voted on and supported throughout the entire debate. And I don't want people to feel that I'm any less committed towards the package as it was originally introduced. But I guess I had a real...a revelation about whether the support was there for the bill. First, in the committee, when we thought it difficult to get it out of committee, we only had the five votes, but we only had five votes for certain portions of the bill. And then when the bill was brought up on the floor, and there was an attempt made to add different sections into the bill, we ran into some problems because of the rules that enable an individual or group of individuals to extend debate on the bill. Now, those are the rules that we live in this year, and it's probably going to be the rules that we continue to live within. We have a limitation on our ability to end debate on particular issues. And with that realization we have to sometimes accept certain portions or we have to accept things with a bill maybe that we wouldn't otherwise. Also the vote that we took prior to today on the bracket motion, in which the membership chose to accept, I feel, the bill as it was, in rejecting the bracket motion, it only had ten votes to bracket. And it was my belief at that time that the body wanted to move ahead with the bill as it stood at the current time, with the boot camp and the community corrections. I'm willing to accept that, and I'm willing to advance the bill as it currently exists. So I'm going to be opposing the Bromm amendment to bracket. I feel that we have to move ahead, and the way to do that is not to wait until next year. We'll introduce legislation next year which will deal with the package