

of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Most of these, if not all of these provisions, have gone through this process before. They have either not gotten out of committee, I think that has been the case on these, this was the way that they packaged it to try to get it out of committee, to vote on these different things. People said the time is now. They didn't say go ahead and try in the next few years to try to get these things through. They said we worked on these, the time is now, we need them, we want them, and they brought them to the Legislature. Each of you has before you a letter from the Lancaster County Attorney, from the Nebraska Sheriffs Association, the Police Chiefs Association, the Lincoln County Attorney, the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime, the State Patrol, County Attorneys Association, Police Officers Association, Buffalo County Attorney, U.S. Marshal, and the Nebraska State Parole, a letter stating that this is what they want, these are the provisions that they need and want to do their jobs to deal with the raise in crime, as Senator Ashford has talked about. Yes, we do want community corrections, yes, we do want boot camps. They are both...they both can be discussed in an interim study resolution, decided upon which way we, in Nebraska, want to go. We all realize that it needs to be done but we all also realize that these other provisions needs to be adopted. I would like the opportunity to try, over the interim, to look at some of these provisions, to look further at the boot camps and the community corrections and to try again next year to discuss some of these provisions. Who out there is going to let me, if I come up to them with an amendment on reduction in the delay of the death penalty, a fairly controversial amendment that would be, have me put that on their bill, amend to their bill? It's just not going to happen. This is the bill that they put them all together so that these, because they are kind of controversial, could all be together. This is the bill that the time that they wanted this bill to come to the Legislature, I know Senator Bernard-Stevens says...makes it sound like I am the one obstructing this process. I am not obstructing. I did not intend for this to happen. What I wanted was to vote on these issues, as many of you did want to vote on these issues and were never given the opportunity because of Senator Chambers going at this bill from the very beginning, like he's done to others, and say, I'm sorry, that's not what I...well, he doesn't even apologize, he just says, that's not what I want and I'm going to kill it. And we all have to bow down to that. And, no, it's not because I want to take Senator Chambers on, Senator Withem, I would prefer