

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the body. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you took 35 seconds, that is some kind of a record. I hadn't spoken on this bill, but I want to bring us back a little bit to where we started. This has been sort of a metamorphosis. This bill started out as the Crime Control Act of 1993. It is something less than that now, or something different, maybe not less, but what has come out of this I think has some substantial merit, and those of you who will hearken back to days of yore and think about the amendments that were not offered, could not be offered, or could not be voted on, there will be an opportunity somewhere along the line to consider those again. I assume some of those will be offered next year, some of those things may not be, but that doesn't mean the opportunity won't come to talk about those issues. But what we have left in this bill, and I spoke the last time it came up, is something which I think is important. You have to start to look at some of these issues, and I know that the debate over the last approximately seven and a half hours has centered a lot on procedure and obstruction and conflict, and I understand all those issues, but I think that the reason we are where we are at is because...frankly, when we started this whole issue, I think Senator Chambers did not...did not like boot camps. In fact, I think he stood up and talked specifically about how much he opposed the idea of boot camps and regimented units and yelling in young people's faces, and he has...I think even Senator Chambers has grown and learned to understand that perhaps there are some good things in boot camps and that these aren't as bad as he thought they were, and that maybe they are not pernicious or obnoxious anymore, that maybe there is some merit to these things. but I think Senator Chambers has, because he knows that we know so little of some of the issues that he faces, and that he has lived, that he must act and appear resolute in his opinions, that he must act and appear the obstructionist, that he must act and appear the bad guy in order to bring us to a point where he thinks we ought to be. We may not agree with that point, but I think sometimes Senator Chambers has some fun with this body because he knows of the only way for us to understand his point is for him to make it in the most significant way he can. He has got to take the blackest opinion to bring us to gray because he we are white and he is black and that is a difference that we have to recognize. He has lived some issues that we have not lived.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.