

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: He has dealt with some people that we have not dealt with, and some of those experiences I think are the bill that we are dealing with today, and I want to talk just briefly, I know my light is on next, and I won't take all of my additional time, but there are some things that are important that we have to deal with in this state, and one of them is what we do with the people that we have determined to incarcerate. If, in fact, we want to put everybody in a maximum security institution, the debate we had on the two-cent tax here and a two-cent tax there would be meager by comparison because we will not have the money to do that. And I think before we determine to build an additional maximum security facility in this state, we have to look at a number of issues. We have to look at whether the people we have currently incarcerated are properly classified. We have to look at any other alternatives, which is what 627 has now become. We have to look at whether the institutions that we presently have are doing the job. We have to look at a boot camp idea. We have to look at...we have to look at a community corrections idea, and we have to look at the root causes of some of the offenses that...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. You are next, Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: ...that have been, see, I did that with hardly a breath, we have to look at some of the root causes of the crimes that are committed and determine whether people are properly classified under the present system. We may never get to those issues unless we have a debate on a bill like this that forces us to do some things that we would not otherwise do because these are difficult decisions that we have to make and begin to make. But we are going to have to make them. We are going to have to decide whether the system that we currently have in place is working or not working. And I would suggest to you that if we do nothing with that system, it will bring us down someday. I think some of the veterans have understood that we cannot continue to do certain things in the system without contemplating the cost. That's the reason for Senator Warner's bill on corrections costs, and we have to address those issues. These are necessary to address, and as I said the last time I talked a number of days ago, if we get nothing more out of 627 this year than the first step forward of that idea, I think that's significant, and I think it is important that we look at those issues this year, and next year, and next year. If we think we've accomplished something by passing 627 and moving it