

CLERK: Senator Hartnett voting yes. Senator Janssen voting yes. Senator Abboud voting yes. Senator Avery voting yes. Senator Schmitt voting yes. Senator Elmer voting yes.

SENATOR HALL: Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR HALL: Debate is ceased. We are under call. I would ask members to please return to their seats, record your presence if you haven't to date. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you're recognized to close on the Withem amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Hall. You look at the board and you see that we've got 37 people here and it really is kind of discouraging when you get to the last part of the session when we're really going to be make some policy decisions and you need 25 votes out of 37. It makes it very difficult. In fact it's even going to be difficult for Senator Lindsay to get 25 votes for his committee amendments if this goes or doesn't go. And it's...I wish when we get down to crunch time that the numbers would at least be, you know, in the 44, 45 range. But we do with what we have. This amendment strikes the juvenile...the...excuse me, the adult boot camp concept, and there are three basic reasons that Senator Withem and I would like to do so. Number one certainly is on the budget side. Right now if you again look at the green sheet, if we did everything on Final Reading and Select File by passage of those, and if we did not do 425, coupled with Senator Dierks' decision the other day to wait on his bill until next year, we're actually in a 3.8 million dollar surplus, above the 3 percent reserve. If we do the 5.9 for the boot camp we truly are going to be in a deficit situation. There is no way. And we've made policy decisions prior to that that we were not going to cut, which I supported most of those. But at a point there comes a point where we have to make those decisions, and now we're on the A bill side, and this is where the tough decisions lie. If we support the amendment we'll still be in a positive situation in regards to our reserve. Second reason besides budget is that the recidivism rate on boot camps in the states that are running them is having very little...the boot camps are having very little effect on recidivism rate, with the exception of those states that have an active after care or follow-up after they're out of the boot camp. On those states there has been a significant reduction in recidivism. But in this concept