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have a guy that just doesn't balance the check book correctly for one time and then six months later doesn't balance the checkbook correctly again and those two can be aggregated. That doesn't...doesn't show the scheme what we're looking for or I think what Senator Dierks' thrust is on this is to get the person who goes into the grocery store and cashes a check, over two, three, four, five, six checks clearly knowing that there's no money in the account, and then that should be...what Senator Dierks is saying is that that should be allowed to be aggregated. The second half of this adjusts the amounts for what level the...the offenses rise. These amounts, to my understanding, have not been changed since 1979. We all remember the double digit inflation of the early eighties and late seventies, so what we're doing now is we're having people charged with crimes that are not as serious as when we originally drafted the criminal code or revised the criminal code, they're not as serious as they were intended to be. Because of that, those amounts should be adjusted. With that, I would urge...I see the amendment is coming around so you have it on your desk. With that, I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Kristensen, did you wish to discuss the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. Senator Lindsay, if I could just ask you a couple of questions so I understand (interruption).

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lindsay, would you respond, please.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You're just doing this in the area of checks?

SENATOR LINDSAY: This amendment just does it in the area of checks. I will offer an amendment to LB 111 on theft offenses. Those will be two separate, two separate votes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, because we've got...I mean, checks are really a form of theft...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right.