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SENATOR LINDSAY: I believe it was '78 or '79, whenever that...

SENATOR PIRSCH: When they redid the criminal code.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Uh...and I really don't know what the cost of living has gone up since then, do you?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Recently it's been lower. Early eighties it was significantly higher.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yeah. Well, again I guess I'm kind of in the boat that I think we need to do these things with a lot more thought maybe then on Select File. I know aggregation of theft and checks has been around for about six years now and while I realize that it came out of committee this year for the first time, I still wish we had some more...some more research and maybe include across the board or take a look across the board of our penalties and thresholds of penalties. And it's not so much I'm opposed to raising them, Senator Lindsay,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...as Senator Kristensen, is this the right time to do it and is this the right amount to do it? And I have a lot of questions.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Anyone else wishing to discuss the amendment to the amendment by Senator Lindsay? Seeing no one, Senator Lindsay, do you wish to close?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, I would like to respond. First of all, maybe Select File isn't the place to be doing this, but if it had been done at General File, since this was a consent calendar bill, the bill would not have gotten to Select File. So if we're to use that argument, the bill shouldn't be here, period. So Select File, in this case, is the proper place to be talking about it. As far as the amendment itself, Senator Kristensen, in our...in our...in our exchange, indicated that there...aggregation of check offenses was specifically not included. Aggregation of offenses in general was not included when we revised the criminal code. So there's a legitimate reason, especially in the area of checks, because this is brand new it's a different concept than to what LB 111, itself, does.