

in terms of extending the session beyond the point where the Governor is required to either sign a bill, veto it or let it become law without his signature. But, as to these amendments again, I'm acknowledging that a bill becomes the property of the Legislature once it's out here. And any amendment that a majority will agree to add will be added. I couldn't stop it anyway, even if I chose to, as has been so many times demonstrated on this floor. An amendment which would be totally nongermane to the bill, to the point where it would render the bill unconstitutional, can be added if a majority of the legislators agreed to do that. So the process is not something that I'm objecting to. And before the session is over I may have a need or feel a need, on Final Reading, to try to pull somebody's bill back. On the bill that Senator Bromm had offered us, he is in agreement with the philosophy of the amendment that we added. Senator Bromm agrees with the idea that if a person faces being locked up, the person should be entitled to a jury trial. So it's not an amendment with which he disagrees, and what the amendment attempts to do is not something that even the City of Omaha can say is not good philosophically or valid. They're simply saying it would cost us too much money to ensure this right to people. I think that is a different issue than the ones being dealt with on this bill. I understand that we're part of a political process and perhaps I understand it better than those who are members of political parties because I know everything we do is political, I know every decision we take which is on an issue where there is more than one point of view, and those views are strongly held, politics will enter into the arriving at a conclusion. Others are the ones who want to say, I don't have an agenda or I'm not being political. I'm the only one registered Independent in this body, but I'm the only one willing, frankly, at all times, to acknowledge that everything...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...we do is political, it's understood it will be political. This is a political body. Because it's nonpartisan does not mean it's not political, those two terms don't mean the same thing. So whether people have to make agreements with the Governor so that he can do something for Lancaster County for his political future, or for Sarpy County, or Douglas County, none of that is unusual and none of us will be shocked to find out that's the case. I'm just trying to take care of the interest that I have in preserving the purposes of