

about and don't understand but would rather take the two hours talking about...and I respect what you want to talk about, don't misunderstand me, but there are 49 of us here and some of have questions about other sections and I think that we need to...to, in the spirit of legislating, shift the focus to those sections that people have questions or concerns about. The article that was in the Lincoln paper, you may or may not have seen, this last weekend by former Senator Roland Luedtke was extremely enlightening and a good reminder of how criminal law should be done and made, and maybe it makes no difference because, as we saw in the Williams case recently, the Supreme Court, in my opinion, decided to legislate what the definition of a crime was anyway, so maybe it really doesn't matter. But that's the only reason that it wouldn't matter is if the Supreme Court decides to step in the legislative arena from time to time and that...that I don't think is correct and I don't appreciate that either. But I think it's really...I think it's significant that we spend the two hours talking about parts of the bill, and in that respect I have a question. Senator Lindsay isn't near his microphone. Senator Lindsay, could I ask you a question, please.

SENATOR HALL PRESIDING

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lindsay, would you respond?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: I hope we get to the next sections, Senator Lindsay, and the thing that I wanted to ask you, if you're not prepared at this point, to give you a chance to think about it a little bit. The next section we deal with postpones the operative dates of implementation of good time provisions and that kind of thing, and in that section we clearly changed some language which indicates that an offender is eligible for parole when he has served one-half the minimum term of his or sentence. And I...and I want to...I want to discuss on the record what minimum term means.

SENATOR LINDSAY: As it currently stands in statute, Senator Bromm, it's not...it's not intended nor should it be interpreted to impact what was...what was passed and debated last year extensively on the...how the minimum term is calculated is not touched in this bill. It's simply not addressed. It is as current law decides it. This does not change that.