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SENATOR BROMM: So if a judge said the minimum was eight years and the statute said the minimum was three years, it would be the eight years that you would be looking at. Is that...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right.

SENATOR BROMM: ...is that your understanding?

SENATOR LINDSAY: The minimum term of the individual prisoner.

SENATOR BROMM: Right. Okay, thank you, Senator Lindsay. I do think there are some other important points in that next section we're going to get to dealing with the implementation of when an inmate can qualify for good time...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...and, as you will recall, the operative date on that is the only thing that's being changed by this amendment. It would push it back six months to July 1 of '96 to give us and give everyone involved an opportunity to make sure that the language in that section is correctly drawn. And so I do look forward to the discussion on section two. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I am going to try to be brief. I didn't know how long this debate was going to go on and at what point I might have an opportunity to express my misgivings. I have had misgivings about the process we've been employing with this bill from the beginning. My misgivings are not becoming any less today, although I will probably vote for cloture and may vote for the various amendments, but at the moment I don't believe I will vote for passage of the bill. The reason I will not vote or believe I will not vote for passage of the bill is that in 1993 we adopted LB 507. LB 507 was a bill that Senator Warner sponsored and it required this Legislature to include within a bill which is projected in accordance with its sections to increase the total adult inmate population or total juvenile population in the state correctional facilities to include an estimate of the operating costs within the bill. And, in addition, we would be