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LB 642

until one-thirty. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. We are in recess until one-thirty.

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SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Roll call. Please record your presence.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Withem, did you wish to be recognized.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, I would, just like to make a comment on the agenda. One comment on the scheduling of LB 642, particularly now that Senator Avery is in the Chamber. Every General File priority bill that was named by an individual senator, every individual priority bill has had an opportunity to be...to get an up or a down vote on General File, except for one, and that is LB 642. It was my desire this morning that we might have been able to have completed review of the crime bill in enough time to allow for that opportunity for LB 642. I visited with Senator Avery about that and I certainly understand his desire to at least see his bill move off of General File onto the next round of debate. I understand the strategic importance of getting at least one up or down vote on a measure. My preference would be to not have that...to not amend this afternoon's agenda because we have a pretty ambitious set of bills before us on Final Reading here today, but it would be my expectation to see that bill on the agenda tomorrow morning, and I would hope the body would be able to come to a quick conclusion. I know that is usually too much to hope for on a controversial bill, but I would hope the membership would be able to come to a relatively expeditious conclusion on where that bill should go. So I know Senator Avery has been discussing with me and with some others the possibility of a motion to override the agenda. Typically what happens on those motions is they take an hour or so to debate and then they may or may not be successful. I think we could use our time more productively for both his purposes and for the agenda if we