

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay. But it would be up to him to put it back on but it would stay right where it is in the meantime.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, so this does hold it on Final Reading. And I guess, you know, I hate to say let's look a gift...not look a gift horse in the mouth because the last time that happened I thought it was awful what happened to Senator Bromm. But this is an opportunity to bracket the bill and there are some problems with this bill in relation to LB 507 that was passed in this body two years ago. I did not vote for that bill but I did pass out some information on an amendment that I have that I think would take care of that, but we need time to either attach that amendment or even if we have next year to go ahead and put an A bill through and bring forward an A bill in compliance for that. And I'm not...I'm...I'm a supporter of LB 371. I've spent an awful lot of time trying to get this type of legislation and even this one in particular through the Legislature and I'm not trying to slow it down, I'm trying to get something through that won't go directly into a courtroom. I would like to get something through that would...we would be able to use and not have challenged immediately, and so I guess I support Senator Chambers' motion to bracket this bill because it's an opportunity to put this bill into compliance with LB 507 because, right now, since it's never been challenged it is constitutional. It's a law that you, in your wisdom, passed two years ago when you were trying desperately to stop the crime bill that I was carrying, from passing, and you were successful on that. And I guess you've made your own trap here, you individuals who voted for LB 507, including the Governor. He's put himself into a trap here. He signed a piece of legislation that, at the time, was ruled unconstitutional by the Attorney General but since it was signed, sealed and delivered by the Legislature in Nebraska it's binding for this bill. My fear is that if we pass 371 under the...the rule of 507, the law of 507, that even if 507 is at one point ruled unconstitutional, since it was not challenged...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...at the time of passage of 371, then 371 will be null and void. And people say, so what, so start over again. You know and I know that this type of legislation, this crime Legislation, first of all, just about everything all of us bring into Judiciary is killed, so it's hard to get it out of committee. Once we finally do get it out of committee, it's