

debated at every stage of debate, the full eight hours, and we usually go to cloture, sometimes longer. It's a very difficult, arduous process. So I would like to get it right the first time ever if it takes a little extra time bracketing this till we start session again. It's only a few months. It would only become active in September so it's only a few months there of down time and I would like to get it right, so I'll support Senator Chambers' motion to bracket this bill and hopefully when we come back next year we'll put it in a shape where it won't...where they won't have to take it into court right away and we'll have a crime bill that we can use in the State of Nebraska immediately. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I can't help but smile as I...as I anticipate what the vote will be on this bill. And as I anticipate what will happen in the future on this bill and the court suits that will happen on this bill and I think there's a few other people smiling on this also, back in the rotunda. Attorneys that pushed through LB 507 and the majority of the body went through without saying, yes, that's a great idea that we should know ahead of time what those costs are going to be when we get tough on crime. That's...that's what we said under LB 507 and now the Governor wants a crime bill, after some of us have been fighting for five years for provisions in that crime bill and the Attorney General tried to get one through for two years and now we're all saying we need a crime bill. But it's not going to cost us anything, forget about it. LB 507 that we said was constitutional isn't unconstitutional now and, my, what a difference a year makes or two. And we are now looking at passing LB 371 which I support every measure of it which we fought hard to make a good crime bill but I'll tell you it's all going to go down the tube and it's going to go down the tube by the same people who set it up in the first place. And I really take offense at some of the comments in the paper who call Stenberg not caring about effective crime and he's just politicking. Oh, for goodness sakes, talk about politicking, suddenly some who have opposed those provisions in this crime bill are now saying, hey, we got to pass it, we got to pass it this year and we're going to do it and forget 507, forget it, gosh, Stenberg said it was unconstitutional and now two years later, by golly, we believe him. We believe him now. I'm going to support Senator Chambers in his bracket motion because I care about this crime bill and