

going to vote for the bracket motion, don't argue that somehow it's because it's going to be made null and void at the point in time it becomes law because that will not be the case. The fact of the matter is I rise in opposition to the proposal in LB 371 because I think it's bad law and I will support the bracket motion because it keeps that law from being put into place. Thank you, Madam President.

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

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I'm glad we're having a debate, and I did support the overruling of the Chair because I felt that was the right thing to do even though I had some misgivings about where this might lead. The question is not whether you agree with the Attorney General, or the opinion of the Attorney General, or the Governor and his desire to get the bill passed. Really I think we all have to pass a couple questions here to get over the bracket motion and the first is, do you support the contents of 371? Are you okay with the changes in the law and for that matter I am. I passed that threshold. The other issue raised by Senator Wickersham and I'm going to give him credit for that because he's the first one that stood up on the floor and clearly identified the issue of 507. I think you have to get over whether or not 507 is relevant to the passage of 371 and certainly listen or look at the Attorney General's Opinion if you wish, but beyond that there's perhaps another issue on the issue of 507. It's easy to say that you ignore it and you'll go to court and get a declaratory judgment perhaps if you can on the issue, but is it...I have some problems with completely ignoring a law that's just been on the books a short two years that says very clearly what we need to do and the A bill I think satisfied that requirement. The A bill gave a four-year projection on the effects of 371 and the A bill was delayed and not able to be brought along with the parent bill and that's unfortunate but that was reality and now that I think it's been brought into focus as to what the importance of the A bill was on this measure, the second question you have to answer, how does this square with 507? I guess in my mind reluctantly I have to say that rather than take a chance on passing legislation which is suspect right out of the box, the harm from doing that outweighs the need to hastily pass a crime bill so I'm going to support the bracket motion and that is with a good deal of reluctance, I have to tell you that. I'm not one that doesn't think that we need, I do think we need stronger penalties in the areas that