

is more for the record, and I think that's what Senator Chambers was doing with his last speech, there's a reason that whoever the presiding officer may be who sets in the Chair and says, "All provisions of law having been complied with, the question is..." What does that language really mean? There are those who will stand and say that that is curative language, saying that the Legislature if there was any problems with the way the law was passed, that that's a grant of curia. So in other words, someone can't come back and say well that gee, a ruling made by the Chair was incorrect. That is another answer we don't know. These things will be challenged some day on some bill. I'm not saying you ought to necessarily pass 371 just so you get a court challenge, but I don't think you ought to run from it either, that 507 is a good piece of legislation, it is not unconstitutional and to the extent that it's going to force this Legislature to look at some of the ramifications of bills we do pass, I think that's good. But at this point in time, to not pass a bill simply because you don't want a court challenge I don't think is appropriate, that somewhere, some day 507 will be interpreted and we'll live with that. It happens on every other bill and every other procedure we've ever had. It's just going to take some time to do that and the issue that you're all going to have to decide is, do we want to vote on a crime bill this year? I happen to like the contents of 371. I think it ought to pass. As to whether this complies with 507...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...I think a court has got a real tough look to decide what that's going to be. But as we go through, and for the people who don't like 507, the reason I rise is to say that that is a good piece of legislation, it's had considerable study. It's certainly been a recommendation of a number of different people and that the basic concern, I know Senator Witek said she fought real hard to try to strike those provisions, both times that she put those amendments up she withdrew them so obviously the fight wasn't that hard, but 507 is constitutional. It's something we're going to have to comply with as we go throughout all our other pieces of legislation but I guess I'd be at this point, I'll probably be voting for LB 371 because I think it's good policy. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Warner.