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priority bill; Senator Robinson, as Chair of Government, selected LB 1172 and LB 1263 as the committee's priority bills; Senator Abboud, as Chair of Business and Labor, selected LB 1230 and LB 1167 as the two committee priority bills. That's all that I have, Madam President. (See page 853 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Now leave the consent calendar since we're so close to nine-thirty and go on to General File, LB 1205.

CLERK: (LB) 1205, Madam President, a bill by Senator Bromm. (Read title.) The bill was discussed yesterday. At that time the committee amendments were offered. There was an amendment by Senator Warner, actually an amendment that was ultimately divided, a portion of that amendment was adopted. The next thing I have is a second amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Wickersham would move to amend the committee amendments. (See FA445 on page 841 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wickersham, on your amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. This amendment is simply one that says that if there is a sale of real estate, that it cannot...the sale cannot include the mineral interest. We're actually prohibited by constitution, Article III, Section 20, from selling any mineral interest that the state owns. My concern in offering this amendment was simply that if this provision is not added and if the bill is finally enacted, that it might be unconstitutional because it, on its face, provides for the sale of a mineral interest that is constitutionally prohibited. I would...it's very simple. I would simply ask your support for the amendment. This provision, incidentally, was in the original version of 1205. You can see it as a subpart to Section 2, but since Section 2 was repealed in whole, this subpart was perhaps the baby that was thrown out with the bathwater. This is an essential provision, I believe.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Discussion on the amendment. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Crosby. And I appreciate Senator Wickersham offering the amendment. It was in the