

up. It goes down and up and I guess I played Monopoly too long and anybody that converted their holdings into cash, whether it be Park Place or whatever, they lost the game. I always won. I talked them into selling their Park Avenues (sic) or whatever. Land's a good investment, but in this case I may be talked into selling one-half of it if it's on a scheduled basis, whatever, 10, 12 years or whatever. And so thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I would just, at this point, like to respond to a couple of arguments that I've heard here. First one was from Senator Bromm and, now, Senator Bromm said that we're going to have the next Legislature, we need to see what that plan is, and so he's resisting an amendment that would sell half of the property, which would be logical. That would typically be an argument I would be making. But what he goes on to say is, because we don't know what that plan's going to be and we have to bring that back and let future Legislatures act, we should enact a policy that says we're going to sell all of the land. Now I, forgive me, but I don't see any logic at all to that. What my amendment is, if anything, it's consistent with giving future Legislatures more discretion in this arena than they may have with the Bromm bill as it now stands. We...and then, again, the argument, as I heard it, was we can't sell half of it without knowing what the plan is so let's have the policy of selling all of it instead, doesn't make any sense at all. If anything, if we're going to be cautious we need to err on the side of moving a little more slowly. I'm convinced and, again, I'm not standing here taking my traditional position, digging in my heels and saying don't sell any of the property. You folks have convinced me on that. I'm asking you is to be a little open to the suggestion that maybe a policy enacted by a Legislature in 1996 maybe shouldn't be bound...binding people in our state up through the year 2012. Keep in mind in actuality if this amendment's adopted we're still going to sell half of the property and in the year nineteen-oh...two thousand-oh.... How do we say that, twenty "aught" eight, or whatever, whatever, we're going to have to get used to it. I guess our computers will tell us how to do those numbers here in a little while after we get that problem solved. In the year 2008, the Legislature will have an opportunity to take a look at it and see if the remaining half should be sold, or Legislatures between now and then can make that policy