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CLERK: Senator Bromm would move to amend with AM0113, Madam President. (See page 383 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bromm, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. In discussions with the County Officials Association and with the judge that precipitated the bill, the county officials felt that they could live with a cap. They did want a cap. They did not come in at the hearing necessarily and argue for that, but they would feel if there were a cap in the fee allowed. They suggested \$350; that they could live with \$350 cap. In getting back to the judges and trying to visit with them, a judge suggested that they probably could live with a \$500 cap. So I'm telling you that, in the interests of trying to legislate this thing and do something that's helpful but...but trying to be sensitive to the interests of the county as well, I have inserted or proposed an amendment of a cap of \$425, which is perhaps a little bit more than the county would like to see it and a little bit less than what the judge would like to have, but I think it's...it's a significant enough increase that it should be helpful for condemnation proceedings, but I don't think it's so significant that it will open Pandora's box, so to speak, on the costs. So I'm willing to propose that amendment. I don't know if the body has any strong feelings one way or the other. I feel comfortable with it. I'll be glad to answer any questions. Thank you.

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

SENATOR ROBAK: Senator Bromm, could I ask you a question, please?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bromm, will you yield?

SENATOR ROBAK: Senator Bromm, I had a hard time hearing you because of the noise on the floor and I sit further back yet this year than I did before, and I'm understanding you to say that your amendment now sets a val...sets a price, does it not?

SENATOR BROMM: It places a cap, Senator Robak, into the statute