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way be damaged or destroyed, and this simply clarifies that, so I'll support the amendment and would encourage the body to do so.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, Senator Bromm, why do you have to be so agreeable? (Laugh)

SENATOR BROMM: Well, can I answer?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, (laugh) I'm not going to let you, unless you're going to say something contrary, but I'm afraid he'll say something that's accommodating, temporizing, and try to draw my fangs, and I'm not going to allow that to happen at this early stage in proceedings. When I was going through this bill last night, I did see a lot of places where, if I were in sympathy with what the bill is trying to do, I could offer amendments that I think would genuinely improve the bill and protect citizens, restrict the discretion, as it's called, of courts, without any way...in any way impairing their ability to carry out the goal that is stated as being the purpose for this bill. But as I began to think about it, this is what came to me. On its own, the Legislature would not enact a bill like this. We've had every opportunity to do so. We are under a time constraint now as a Legislature, and this stuff has to be on the books in some form by the year 2001, so that is the driving force, not because the Legislature is convinced that this is wise and appropriate. We could have crafted some kind of process which achieves this end, but that was not done. That's why I'm skeptical when motivations of a noble kind are offered as the reason for what we do. You all ought to read Machiavelli, "The Prince and the Discourses". He was not a Machiavellian in the sense of that term. This was a very intelligent, highly educated, thoughtful person. The problem was that he told the truth in the political realm as it needed to be told, and it rubbed some people and groups the wrong way, because certain politicians don't want the truth to be told. They don't want the mask stripped away to reveal their true motivations. But what Machiavelli was trying to do was lay out the dynamics, according to which governments, of whatever kind or variety, operate, and any person which he designated a prince