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doubly bad. These experts pointed out that other states had attempted to do something about this. They mentioned Nebraska as one of the states that it tried to stop money from going directly into the pockets of law enforcement. We trusted them and we thought that the laws that are now on the books would be adequate. There are laws that deal with this, but they found a way to circumvent them. So what I'm asking us to do is to close a loophole. It's a loophole, not because the law is defective but because there are people who wanted to find a way around the law and they apparently did. No prosecutor's going to challenge them because they benefit from it too. So, by putting clearly in the law that this is what is meant by the law,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...then we've closed the loophole.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bromm would move to amend this component of Senator Chambers' amendment. (FA192, Legislative Journal page 1885.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the...to FA190 to LB 44.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, and hopefully, it's a fairly short amendment, that it will up on your screens very, very shortly. This is, as the...as the Clerk said, an amendment to part two of this divided amendment, and this would take out the language that says that any property or money forfeited to the United States and returned to the law enforcement agency shall be subject to Article VII, et cetera, and basically says that...that state...that state law enforcement shall not participate in these forfeitures with the federal government. And I'll tell you why I...why I propose the amendment because I think we need to crystallize on what the possible effect of this amendment is. Again, I have no problem with getting information on this subject. I would support part one of this amendment. Let's get the report. Let's see where we're at before we come back into session and what we need to do, if anything, with regard to the situation. But part two of