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I have not disagreed with that to this day. However, in the interest of arriving at an accord, I am prepared to go along with the arrangement that Senator Brashear described and which Senator Bromm, very graciously, has agreed to go along with, unless I'm mistaken.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Senator Brashear and Senator Chambers have accurately stated our agreement. And I look forward to gathering the information and education that I think this body needs before we take final action on this. And I do think it's in the best interest of the body and certainly is the best use of our time to proceed in this manner. So, if it's appropriate at this time, if it is, Mr. President, I'm going to ask leave to withdraw this amendment to this amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: FA192 is withdrawn. For discussion on the Chambers amendment, FA190, Senator Chambers. (FA190, Legislative Journal page 1885.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I will be very brief. But in order that the record will contain something, what this amendment would do is say that any of this money, which is routed through the federal government, as a result of these forfeitures, would, when it is returned to a particular law enforcement agency in this state, be subject to Article VII, Section 5 of the Nebraska Constitution, which mandates that 50 percent of such money will go to the schools, and 50 percent go to the county Drug Law Enforcement and Education Fund. That is what the amendment will do. I'm asking that it be added at this time to LB 44 as the first step in this journey, which I hope will be short and sweet.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. For discussion on the Chambers amendment, Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I don't think that this procedure is appropriate, and I rise in opposition to both the Chambers amendment at this