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LB 44

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Further discussion on FA190, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I can certainly appreciate Senator Matzke's feelings, but, notwithstanding his comments, I...I...I admit that this is a somewhat...an unusual accommodation. I think, nevertheless, there...I have seen in my tenure here any number of such arrangements. I think this serves the public interest. I believe that we...I know that we will get, and I commit to you that we will get through the interim study to the bottom of all of these issues, and we will clearly lay it out for you so that we can deal with issues of the state constitution, federal supremacy, federal law, state law, all of these issues. That's the very reason for doing it. I think the advancement to Final Reading, we certainly bring bills back from Final Reading for specific amendment all the time, I think that advancement simply allows everyone in the equation to have some progress. And I'm enthusiastic about the opportunity to do the interim study as opposed to having an up or down vote on the bill at this time. And I do urge the adoption of both divisions of the amendment and the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Discussion on the Chambers amendment to LB 44? Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. And I understand what Senator Matzke is saying, and I...a lot of what he is saying I certainly can't take issue with. But I also have spoken with some law enforcement people, since we debated this last week, and many of them, I think, welcome the opportunity for the interim study. And I think, based on the questions that...that many members have, some other members I've spoken with, and the question that Senator Chambers has raised about this whole matter that it behooves us to do the study. And...and...and, yes, the study could be done with the bill on Select File, but to accommodate everyone's interests and not take a great deal of the body's time the study can also be done with the bill on Final Reading and we can come back with that information and hopefully make a more informed decision about the proper course of action. And I don't think additional