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SENATOR BYARS: I did this morning, but I can't remember this afternoon.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you very much. I'm going to support what Senator Bromm is attempting to do, because I think we're at a position with this judgment where we have got to decide whether some things are going to be done, and whether some things are going to be taken off the table. I'm not sure how I will vote on what Senator Bromm is going to propose, but since it's been floating out there I'm sure that people, other than those of us on the floor, are well-aware of it, so this is an appropriate time to discuss it. And maybe it seems that a simple answer suggests itself if you're for it or against it, but there are complexities here. And what should be remembered, anything that the constitution does not prohibit the Legislature from doing, the Legislature can do. It has plenary legislating authority, and the constitution serves as a restriction on what the Legislature can do. Some people will say that since the game has reached the point where it has there should not be a change in the rate of interest that will accrue on a judgment, a court judgment. Well, I don't think there's anything sacred about that, the court judgment. If there were something extra special about interest as it relates to judgments, maybe something would have been in the constitution. But it's strictly a legislative matter at this point, in my opinion, but I'm going to listen to the debate and see if somebody will raise a constitutional issue, which I haven't heard thus far. But I'd like to ask Senator Bromm a question.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, do you intend to pursue this to a vote, or are you just going to discuss it to make a point?

SPEAKER BROMM: No, I would like to pursue it to a vote, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That being the case, I am going to take this seriously, and I'd like to ask Senator Brashear a