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LB 118, 136, 189, 394, 721, 742A
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haven't known how to deal with it because it hasn't come up on the agenda, and we had to wait till now, and we get this and LB 189 on the same day for some reason. It is...it is a dilemma, I want to tell you that, and I guess when it is all said and done, because of the way that it has developed, I am going to oppose the Withem amendment, but that doesn't mean that I subscribe to a change in the process. I don't necessarily subscribe to changing the process by which salaries are set in the future. If LB 721 becomes law, LB 721 says exactly that the Appropriations Committee will deal with it. I don't think this is a turf battle. I think the Appropriations Committee was trying to solve a problem that possibly didn't have another solution, and they are getting beat up for it, and I don't think...I don't think that's...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...I don't think that's the way it is. I really thing that the Appropriations Committee decided that they needed to do something because it perhaps wasn't going to get done otherwise. We can have the debate on the merits of the increase or not have the merits of the...or not make the increase. We can have that debate any time that we want to have it. We can have it on this bill. We can have it on LB 189. We can have it on both. We can thoroughly explore the issue. The thing that I'm bothered by is that it is getting convoluted with other controversial issues that we are going to be forced to make a decision on in LB 189, to have a bill or not have a bill with two or three things involved with it, that we might support one or two and won't support the other, but we've got a million dollar pay increase involved with it, and that's what scares me as we head into this afternoen, or whenever we get to LB 189. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Priority motion, Madam President. If I may read some items, communication from the Governor regarding his signing LB 118. Senator Bernard-Stevens, amendments to LB 742A. Study resolutions, LR 131-136, all calling for studies, wi'l be referred to the Executive Board. An Attorney General's opinion, Senator Jensen. (Re: LB 136.) (See pages 2159-69 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Witek would move to recess until 1:30 p.m., Madam