

SENATOR WITEK: ...but when you're out there as a law abiding person you feel like it's a law you're supposed to abide by it and I still feel that way. It's the law, we need to abide by it. As badly as I want 371 to go through and as difficult as I know it's going to be if you guys go ahead and advance this, and it goes to court and it's ruled null and void, and we have to start over again, I'll go ahead and start over again with that process along with a lot of other people on this floor and that process to get those laws passed, but you could save us a lot of time and you could save us a lot of debate on this floor that we could do for other things if you would simply hold 371 on Final Reading till next year when we can get an A bill up for it and a proper A bill like we had, like we killed to comply with 507. Unless you do that, you doom this law to be null and void the moment you pass it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB 189, LB 189A, LB 626, LB 559, LB 455 and LB 455A. (See page 2778 of the Legislative Journal.) Senator Lindsay, your light is next.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. Senator Witek, I know you were in a hurry to get that crime bill passed and so you voted to kill, as did I, LB 371A. Apparently I think we must have both been in a hurry to get LB 283 passed on police dogs because we voted for that and even though it didn't comply with LB 507. We were probably both in a hurry to pass last year, the juvenile crime bill because again we both voted for that one, it didn't comply. LB 385, LB 344, again, we voted to again to advance those bills even though they didn't comply and that's the bottom line. It is a bill that was said to be unconstitutional by the Attorney General, has not been...the procedure has not been followed to a T in passing legislation, not just on LB 371, but on at least 7 bills in the last two years that have passed and have become law. It's not just on this bill. But even notwithstanding that, we have, and I think the entire process has changed to comply with the spirit of that law and that being, as I mentioned in response to Senator Abboud, our fiscal notes give us those four-year projections. It's not specifically stated in the bill like LB 507 requires, in any of these bills, but we're aware of that information. As Senator Chambers mentioned, there was an amendment offered by Senator Wehrbein which set forth the amount of dollars that we'd