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SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...of giving the judge discretion to set a minimum to fit the crime, to fit the circumstances, to fit the history of the defendant who is charged with that particular crime. And whichever policy decision you think is best, I hope that is the vote you cast. That is the way the vote should be cast. Otherwise, we are arriving at a political decision in a very important area. And for my part, if I have to come back to deal with the prisons, I will do that in a flash because that is an extremely important decision as well. I think we can find a solution to this thing without doing what we're being asked to do here. I would ask the body not to support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Brashear, you wish to be recognized.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Madam Chairman. I would withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: No objections? The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Brashear would move to return the bill for specific amendment. Senator, I now have AM2656 in front of me. (AM2656 referred to on page 2621 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Brashear, to open on your motion.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Madam Chairman, members of the body, to indicate the kind of ongoing dialogue and work of any number of members of the body from different points of view trying to reach an appropriate public policy here, I would say to you that AM2656 is exactly the same as the preceding amendment which we've been discussing but it has one addition and that is that it would not become effective until July 1, 1998. And that particularly brings into account consultations with Senator Chambers, with the Governor and others and accommodates concerns from the Governor which will allow for his favorable consideration of LB 364 if AM2656 is adopted as a part of it. Not wanting to burden the body but having been given additional