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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's the way this was fashioned.

SENATOR BROMM: Yeah, that's the way I would interpret it. I certainly agree with the concept of trying to figure out a way to get some reimbursement or a property tax relief to the county, and part of it, I think, is justified in the correctional area. And I appreciate the bill and the amendment, but I think there are some things here we need to give some thought to and some further thought to the point that I don't think...I do have concerns, not because I don't trust people, necessarily, but because I think it's not...it's not good, necessarily, to have the sentencing determine whether or not there be reimbursement to the county, and the charging and the plea bargaining affect whether or not there's reimbursement to the county. I...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: If that isn't...if there isn't a problem of trust, there's still a problem, a great problem of perception in that respect. And if I'm a prosecutor, I don't want people to think that I'm recommending the big house because I want the county to get money. I would rather have them think that it's because I think the person needs to be there for public safety and for those reasons alone. So I think we need some more discussion on the issue. I'm not against the bill, I'm not entirely against the amendment, but maybe there is another...some other ways to do this. For example, if the total cost of incarceration is \$45 million, maybe we're talking about a 10 percent reimbursement of \$4.5 million and not tied into how they're sentenced or anything else, you know.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Education, chaired by Senator Bohlke, reports LB 940 to General File; (LB) 1103, General File; (LB) 1133, General File. Amendments to be printed, Senator Beutler to (LB) 579, and Senator Chambers to