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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...support either one, but at this point I'm going to support the Foley amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I have unfortunately missed part of the debate because I had an important phone call, and you know how that goes. But at any rate, I've tried to get a feel of what the two amendments that are offered on this bill because I do support the bill. But my concerns are about how each...how one affects the other. And from what I've heard early on, before I had to go down to my office, I was leaning toward Senator Brashear's version because I thought, listening to what Senator Bourne had said earlier, I had some real problems with people being prosecuted for some unintentional acts that they may be involved in, and perhaps end up being prosecuted when there was no particular intent. I guess I'd like to ask Senator Foley a question before I go any further, if I could, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska, I'm sorry I was inattentive.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I'd like to ask Senator Foley a question, if I might.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Senator Foley, would you respond?

SENATOR FOLEY: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Foley, I've listened to the two versions and I haven't got a real good grasp. I've got some grasp of what the difference is but, at the same time, it's my understanding, and correct me if I'm wrong, that you're not willing to support the amendment that Senator Brashear has brought forth. Is that right?

SENATOR FOLEY: I prefer my amendment. I think it's a better