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you have to make the changes to comport with what the intent was, what the body firmly believed was taking place. It would be hypocritical, at best, to argue that I couldn't support 1087 after fighting as hard on the sentencing issue. And the bracket motion, for me, whether we vote on it or not, is one to say it runs both ways, that when the body, and I mentioned this when we were debating the sentencing issue, that we had a similar bill, same kind of issue. Whether the proponents of this believe it or not, it was handled the same way. There was an honest mistake made, on both parts there was an honest mistake made. People believed that one thing was going to happen. There was a totally different impact, totally different ramification. Folks brought in bills to correct those in both cases. Both those bills had little or not opposition to them. One bill is on Select File and will become law, the other will not, and that is unfortunate. That's why I'm going to support the bracket motion, because these two issues are mirror images of one another, unlike a couple of amendments on a different proposal. They are the same, they're the same kinds of issues and they should be treated the same. Unfortunately, that's not going to happen as it deals with the one-third minimum sentencing.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: It's going to happen on this bill, it's going to happen on LB 1087, and I'm going to vote for it; I'm going to vote for it when it passes over to Select, I'm going to vote for it on Final Reading, because I think that's the right and proper thing to do, even though I disagree with the policy issue. I believe we ought to be paying sales tax on these kinds of installations. I believe we ought to be expanding our sales tax base so we can expand the revenue base and keep the rates as low as possible. I'm going to support this measure, but I am going to symbolically support the bracket motion at this time because, frankly, I'm not near as irritated as I was yesterday evening, but I'm still smarting on the issue as it relates to the one-third minimum sentencing. The correct thing to do there is to change the law, just like we're doing it as it relates to an honest mistake that was made in a revenue bill where the correction is now before us embodied...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...in 1087.