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SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I've got a question of the Speaker whose sitting beside you. Was this on the agenda?

SPEAKER: No.

SENATOR BARNETT: Didn't you request that if they wanted to take up these things from day to day they would request it from you so that we could get on with this agenda and follow what you had dictated for the day?

SPEAKER: I made that request as late as yesterday forenoon.

SENATOR BARNETT: Then I hope we don't unbracket this bill, and that what they do is go to the Speaker and ask him to put it on the agenda for tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on Senator Kelly's motion? Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise in opposition to unbracketing this bill because I think that we've seen this morning that we've got some problems in certain areas with this bill. There is some latitude to open this up for discussion again. I don't think the proponents of the bill want to rush this thing through until we're 100 percent sure it's right. I think even in this area of what kind of care being provided now is in question. I don't see where one day, this bill being bracketed one day where we gain just a little bit of time is going to hurt at all. I certainly hope that we would keep this bill bracketed and give us time to look at the amendment, study the amendment, adjust the amendment, and see if this should be debated further. I don't think more knowledge is going to hurt at all. I think the only thing time is going to help in this instance is to gain more knowledge on this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, this bill was bracketed at Senator Dworak's request so it has been bracketed. Now it's time to unbracket it. He gave no reason for bracketing it the day he asked to have it bracketed. Now I feel we should move on and let it takes its place. He has the option to vote no if he doesn't like it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, speed - this is 28. We got 427 up there, 283, 152, 156. This bill hasn't been speeded. This bill has been thoroughly debated on this floor. It was in committee for weeks on end and the committee did an excellent job of rewording and reworking, and working on this bill hard. Speed - that's not the case with 28. 28's been slowed down all the time. It's slowed down by the opposition who wants to screw up this bill with a bunch of amendments that aren't germane, get them on this bill, send it back to committee, and get the whole thing killed. Now we're back to the original proposition. Do we want to protect the disaster of these young families with the newborn child? If we do, let's unbracket 28 and put it on final.