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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Frankly,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm trying to get a picture of...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...whether this \$6 million represents 10 percent or 50 percent or what percent of the money that might be available for A bills.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, frankly, we haven't discussed what's available for A bills, that we haven't gotten through enough of the big agencies. We have done several small ones, and we haven't done the ones that really take the money, DPI, Department of Social Services, where we have the big money to really see if there is going to be any significant amount of money left for A bills at this point. We will decide that what will be left for A bills, in essence, when we get down to our final line, and then decide if...how much money to leave. And I don't mean to sound arrogant when we say that, but I think that will be a committee discussion as to how much...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: A priority motion, Mr. President. Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to bracket LB 425 until May 2, 1995.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wehrbein, you convinced me that probably we should make a decision on spending after we know what the budget is and after we've debated the budget and had the amendments so we know what exactly is left on A bills. This bracket motion would simply bracket it to May 2nd. I know the appropriations budget has to be presented to the Legislature on the 70th day. That will be towards the end of this month. We usually then have a three to four day break at that point on the weekend, and so about the 2nd of May is when the discussion of the budget will actually take place. So as the discussion of the budget takes place, this bill will then not be bracketed at that point, and so since the budget has priority, after the budget is debated on General File, we will know exactly where the dollars are, we will know what the impact is, and then this bill would be a priority bill of Senator Engel's and it would be one of the first ones that would follow that. It seems to me,