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position. But it addressed it in a way that I think is inappropriate in terms of both our process and the appropriations process. Senator Withem's amendment addressed that issue through a three-step process. One, the fiscal analyst would estimate the amount of money that was necessary to fully fund 806 then give that number to the Department of Education. The Department of Education prior to that number was given between November 1 and December 1. The Department of Education then certified to school districts the amount of money that they would receive based on the number that they had received from the fiscal analyst. That certification goes out by December 1. We come back the following January and submit a budget that funds the amount that was certified by the Department of Education.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk, a priority motion.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to bracket the bill until 4:30 p.m. April 14.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers to open on his motion to bracket.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I think it's kind of appropriate on the last day that we end it the way we started with discussions or manipulation under the rules. This is a priority motion which gives me my opportunity to speak and then leave the field to others. When this bill first came before us for discussion, I was the one who said Christmas treeing is not a good practice and I objected to a number of bills being added to this one, 13 I believe was the number. Some people grumbled and they were upset first of all that I had obliterated the consent calendar. Then some were offended that I would pick a bill such as this which was presented to us as a cleanup bill and object to the number of baubles added to the Christmas tree. I did my job. Then at a later point in the session when others who had been mentored and served notice ought to have had their eyes and ears open, closed their eyes, stopped their ears and an amendment was attached in the ordinary course of legislative business. If people did not know what that amendment contained, it was not the fault of the