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it on General. And Senator Chambers, you told the rural senators that we made a fatal mistake in LB 806 by letting it go to Select File, that our power was much greater to stop the bill in General File. And so there is a difference, and I think if Senator Hartnett will have to explain his own rationale for wanting the bill on Select, but I think if we're going to ask the counties to cooperate in getting us the information, we need to have a meaningful database to work with that...I think they'll cooperate anyway. But if the bill is on Select File, certainly it has a better than decent chance of passing. And so there's a little more...there's a little more sense of urgency in getting a study done and getting the information together if it's on Select File. And I don't know if that's Senator Hartnett's rationale, but that could be a rationale that I would have if I were the sponsor of the bill. In any event, I think most of us on the floor do not agree that we want...we do agree that if we can provide some relief for small estates on inheritance tax, we want to do it. But I think we want to do it with all of the facts and the information. Maybe \$50,000 is the right amount, and maybe \$100,000 is the right amount; I'm not sure. Maybe we need to raise the rate on those estates over \$100,000 to 1.5 percent so that we don't...so that it's revenue neutral. And I don't know if that's revenue neutral, because I don't have the information. But those are the kinds of things that I think we could talk with some sense of...with some meaningful facts after the study is completed. And I have no opposition to funding a study; I just don't think that should be necessary. I don't think the information is that hard to get, with cooperation from the counties and with cooperation from the Department of Revenue, perhaps some help out of our own research staff. I think we can have a good study that'll...that we can come back to the Legislature with. So unless Senator Hartnett supports the bracket, I'm certainly going to respect the sponsor's wishes, because I support...and I'm glad that he introduced such a bill, and I'm glad that Senator Redfield identified it as a priority bill, and I'm willing to look at the issue. But I will follow the sponsor's lead, because we're not going to pass the bill this year in any event. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Further discussion on the bracket motion to LB 770? Senator Redfield.