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SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I also oppose the bracket motion. You know this is no different than any other bill that we pass here with an A bill. They all get to the end, and then we take another look at them. That's what we have with this, that's going to be the same thing, we don't need the bracket motion to do that. Certainly I think we do need to do what is fair. Sure, I would have liked to have seen a larger marriage relief, which I think would be the most fair, but we're getting there. We're at least headed down the road, without saying we're not going to address this issue, which I don't think is right either. I do support the...Senator Redfield's bill. I think we've...with her amendment, we've added some protection in there in case the federal government should pass a law; and we have no idea whether that's going to happen. But I don't see any reason to delay this. We pass LB 277, it just goes in line along with the rest of the A bills, and we can address it when we address the budget. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Wehrbein, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body. First of all, I want to preface this by saying life isn't fair, so maybe that's where we're headed on a lot of these issues today. Senator Beutler did hand out a sheet that's...we've been working with in the Appropriations Committee to some extent, for a few days. I just want to say in a sense a bracket motion is probably redundant. I see it says May 1, we probably wouldn't get to this at May 1 anyway, except that it would be on Select File instead of General...it will be off of Select. But it...I...we aren't really going to take this bill up anyway, until after May 1, I assume we're going to be working on the appropriations bill soon. And then this will fall in place behind that. So in a sense, I think it's kill it now or kill it later; or at least stop it now or stop it later in an issue. And I don't...you can go either way you want. I guess if you bracket, I think it's going to have the same affect as if it, if we do nothing and pass it today, it's going to sit there until other, other appropriations bills fall in place. The real issue