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PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich do you care to respond.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes. If Senator Barnett, for example, wants this bill he should have gone along with me. I don't personally care, Senator Barnett one way or the other. I don't care whether the bill passes or doesn't pass. Now. I have no objection to Friday. I have no--objection to delaying the thing for six years if you want to delay it that long. Friday is fine with me, I don't give a hoot.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Goodrich then, what do you do with your motion. I know you entered it first off with some discussion, but know I'm going to--consider it a motion--it's an amendment. Do you withdraw your amendment.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, I'll withdraw it.

PRESIDENT: All, right. In favor of hearing the bill Friday.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Now then, we actually have before our body the motion to bracket 293 until Friday. Let's speak to that motion of bracketing 293 until Friday. Senator Chambers did you want to be heard. The motion to bracket the bill only to that time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, unlike some of those who talked about the bill up to now. I do care whether the bill passes and when it passes as I hope it will. I don't want it to be a hoax and I don't want it to be sham. We are not going to discuss the merits of the bill this morning. I know, but only the question of whether or not it should be laid over. Currently with the amendments that have been attached I think the bill has no merit. I'm tired of being in this Legislature and seeing special interest groups come to Legislative Committees and ask them to hold a bill while negotiations are conducted and an agreement is worked out. I'm a member of the Judiciary Committee. I'm becoming very fed up with Arlen Bean, his double dealing, his forked tongue conversation, his twisted logic, his untrustworthiness, and this is not the first proposition where he's made presentations, and then turned around on them. He is a paid lobbyist. He is a hired gun. His principals are for sale, I believe to the highest bidder, because an agreement was struck, and that agreement has been violated. This body is not bound by the special interests who are paying Mr. Beans salary. We are paid by the public. We have a responsibility to the public. We are not supposed to allow landlords and others not only to alter this particular bill, but by doing--so to substantially change responsibilities under the general court law of the state. You make people responsible for their negligent conduct and with some of the devious amendments which have been attached to this bill it is a travesty. It is a shame. And I think if the Senators would read these amendments and understand their input they would be insulted that somebody would seriously bring this kind of thing to this body and expect us to pass it. I'm for laying the bill over, not just until Friday, but if that's the problem it can be till Friday. The numbers are usually slender on Friday. So if there wouldn't be any objection. I would like to see the bill laid over for a week. I'm sorry that I went into the kind of things that I did as far as the merits of the bill, but I'm not sorry I said that what I said about Arlen Bean because I'm going to say these words to his face at the first opportunity, and he will be free to react in any way that he chooses, and I'm sure that I can