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PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Stahmer. We appreciate your sense of humor. All right, if there are no objections then we will bracket 327 on Senator Murphy, are you objecting?

SENATOR MURPHY: I do, and I'll pull one of those old Carpenter tricks, why don't we advance it to Select File, and then any amendment that we have, you can do there. Now, I'm not sure what that accomplishes, but he does it every time so it's got to be good.

PRESIDENT: Well, the motion before us at this time is to bracket and you either object or not..go ahead.

SENATOR MURPHY: I object, I move that it be advanced to Select File.

PRESIDENT: I can't take care of your motion until we take care of this motion, then. Senator Chambers, then.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I move that it be bracketed. And I'll explain something to Senator Murphy. When Senator Carpenter has a bill and he wants it advanced to Select File, it requires 25 votes to amend it in any form or fashion, and it's difficult to get 25 votes, but Senator Carpenter has a way of using an intonation in his voice that it makes it seem like nothing too significant is being done. So whenever you hear that tone in his voice, watch him. The reason we want to keep it on General File is so that if the amendments are to be adopted. If there are only 18 of us paying attention then a majority of those voting on General File can either add the amendment or do whatever is to be done. That's why we want to bracket it on General File.

PRESIDENT: O.K. Now the motion is to bracket the bill on General File. Do you want to discuss that motion? Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I think the opposers of the bill have taken themselves into a corner. And think eventually this amendment is going to be stricken from the bill and we are going to pass the Waldron amendment. And that probably is the way it should have been. Let's hold it right here and give Senator Waldron a fighting chance to do what he wants to. This is a good illustration. You can talk a bill to death. And you achieve the opposite point which you started out to do it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy. The motion is to bracket the bill.

SENATOR MURPHY: I'm afraid I would have to oppose the motion for the reasons previously stated and I'm glad that Senator Chambers clarified it for me, and I believe him. You've got to watch him. But I do maintain this, it's an important piece of legislation, we've devoted a half of day to it and we're getting mighty short on time. If there is a worthwhile amendment, certainly 25 of us should concur on it. I see no useful purpose to be held in, to be served in holding it here. It has been under consideration in committee. It has been amended up, down, and sideways. It's like trying to put a marshmallow in a parking machine. It don't just seem to fit anywhere. And I suggest that this body be with 25 votes as Carpenter says, do anything it wants, and I say on Select File. Let's do it there.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.