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is going to be on this issue before we bring it up. I hate to see a lot of people bleed on this issue unnecessarily and so, consequently, that, plus the fact that it is I think a common courtesy on a Thursday when there is a lot of people gone to bracket it till Tuesday when other Final Reading is going on seems reasonable. I think it is fair, and with that, I would ask the body to accept my motion to bracket LB 619 until Tuesday to give some more time and to hopefully bring some more people here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Reutzel. The motion is to bracket the bill.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, we have been down this road before. Obviously, I am opposed to the bill. We haven't bracketed any bills this year. I don't recall that we bracketed any last year. I can certainly understand Senator Newell's apprehension but he says there are a number of people gone on a Thursday and it is a common courtesy to lay this over. There are only five people gone today, only five people. We had many more than that gone yesterday and yet we spent all day on about three bills and Senator Newell's motions were some of the reasons why. There wasn't any courtesy then. If we are going to wait on the Governor's message and reply to the letter which went out three days ago, we might be here awhile. I don't know that we should get into the practice of delaying bills until we get the Governor's opinion, whether or not he is going to veto a bill. Perhaps we could set up a new category of Governor's veto advisory opinions, something akin to AG opinions. I suggest we move on with this. If we are going to wait on opinions and whether or not a bill is going to be vetoed, we can do that before we ever have public hearings and we can save a lot of time. We can go home after twenty days. Let's move on with the bill. I oppose the motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope and then Senator Simon.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I'd support Senator Newell's request to bracket this bill. It is a very important bill for all of us and because it is Thursday and we adjourn tomorrow there are fewer people here and I think everyone should have the opportunity to vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Question.

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