

done, but doing it, but doing it. Let us not now lose our sense of direction. The facts are clear. The banks have not been improperly taxed and they know it, and they know it, and that is the crucial, essential fact. There is no reason for delay. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, then Senator Lynch, then Senator Vard Johnson. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, I would rise in opposition to the motion as well. I did receive a call and have been talked to by some people about the need to take more time with the issue. I would grant you that the issue is complex. I would grant you that the solutions to this problem have not been arrived at yet. The bill as proposed by the committee is not satisfactory I think perhaps in the minds of many of us, but I think the alternatives are not likely to be superior and so we are left with a couple of alternatives that none of us find very satisfying. I do see some virtue in taking more time with the issue but that time can be spent looking at the bill between General and Select File. We have about four, maybe five weeks left in this session. We are going to be ending this session about one month from now. To take one week to allow this bill to sit on General File and then not pick it up until that time and then to have to go through General File, Select File and Final Reading all in a matter of a few weeks jeopardizes the chances of this bill ever being passed. We all know that. What we are talking about in this effort to delay is to kill the bill. That is what we are talking about because to take the time at this point in the session to delay a week is time we cannot waste, time we cannot spend "fritting" away and not dealing with the issue and that is exactly what I think would happen. To take the bill up today, to advance it flawed as it may be and to further discuss it between now and when it is arrived at on Select File makes far more sense than to delay any decision today on General File. I think we all know there are problems and I think we all know the solutions aren't clear, but to not take it up today is a mistake. I would like to give the rest of my time to Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I will take a few seconds of Senator Wesely's time to say that I would vehemently oppose bracketing the bill. Senator Beutler put it exactly correctly. You take a tough act tax