

privileges of grandparents are concerned in this country. It is silly for us to hold it over or to consider this as an unnecessary piece of legislation that can simply wait. Put yourself in the shoes of the grandparents who would like a chance to live the kind of a life that they thought they had when they had grandchildren. That right is a chance to be with them and see them and love them. Don't put it off. Let's keep it alive and let's pass it. It is very important.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Jacklyn Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President and members of the body, I, too, rise to ask you to please reject this bracket motion. In working with aging people for about eight years, I know that from experience that those people very much need and depend upon the support that they can get with the interaction that they have with the family and they love and, of course, want to see their grandchildren as much as we want to do the things that we think that we need to be doing out in society. It is a very important part of their life at that age for elderly folks and I know this is not a very well prepared statement, but I think that we ought to at least have the right to have a vote here to see, shall we have it up or shall we have it down, not bracket? Let's talk about it. This is as important to them as any other issue is to any of the others of you on this floor or anyone else in the state.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lowell Johnson. Do you wish to speak at this time? There are a couple other people to speak. Do you want to close? Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: (Microphone not on.)...of the body, I rise also to oppose the bracketing motion. I am a grandparent, not in the situation that some of the grandparents in my district face and I really think that we need something in the law to protect the rights of the grandparents and I think this bill is a step forward in doing this. So I simply reject...or urge you to reject the bracketing motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: I assume Senators Labeledz and DeCamp do not wish to speak again on this. All right, then we have Senator Hall. The question has been called. I do see five hands. I will put the question to you. Shall debate cease? All