

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...for a few months, but at the time that the increase kicks in it would be 4 percent instead of 3. So you do have alternatives and things to think about, but I think there may be a little more time needed for it to settle in on just where we are and what we are dealing with.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, as I understand it, Senator Chambers' motion is to bracket. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT: To bracket until June 10th which is really a motion to postpone until a definite time.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, would this then not cause an extension of the session?

PRESIDENT: I guess maybe I was sure it would go beyond the date that had been originally intended. Speaker Nichol probably is the best one to answer this question.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Speaker Nichol, if Senator Chambers' motion was adopted, would this not then cause us to extend the session?

SPEAKER NICHOL: No.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Then if his motion is adopted, we wouldn't have a budget bill. Is that correct?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: You know, Senator Chambers, maybe you haven't got a bad idea after all. I thought that it would extend the session, take 40 votes to extend that, but you've answered my question. If you adopt Senator Chambers' motion, will we adjourn without passing a budget bill, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER NICHOL: I don't know.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, will we adjourn then without passing a budget bill?