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legislate them away because we see a problem which, serious as it is, might just possibly be less serious than the advocacy of those constitutional rights. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question...we have a priority motion, sorry. We have a priority motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move that we bracket LB 772 until March 1, 1986..

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I hope this bracket motion doesn't take very much time. It is now February 12th. March 1st is only 16 days away. One of the things that a bracket attempt will do, if it is successful, is it will give those who want an Attorney General's Opinion an opportunity to request it and get one back. It will also give Senator DeCamp an opportunity to sit down with Senator Chizek and Senator Chambers and work on amendments that can take a bill that I think has raised some questions in the eyes of senators here, a chance to make it less constitutionally suspect. I do believe that this bill, unfortunately, is constitutionally suspect. I absolutely deplore the kind of training that I am aware of is occurring in Nebraska. I deplore the kind of teaching of potential violence that is occurring in Nebraska. On the other hand, I am a lover of the Constitution and I do think it is important that if we are going to effect surgery, we do it with a scalpel and not an axe. And it just seems to me that allowing an additional bit of time, not too much time, but a bit of time for the people who are very carefully working on this measure to get together and to see if there is a common ground and also to see whether or not this measure is constitutional would be beneficial. It would also permit us to go ahead with our other work until such time as some of these details have been carefully worked out. I simply offer the bracket motion for that purpose.