

PRESIDENT: Does anyone wish to speak on the bracket motion?
Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to strenuously object to the bracketing motion. If we are going to get into bracketing motions on every tough bill, we can do that. If you are going to allow stalling tactics to bog...two or three people to bog down a bill on stalling tactics every time, we can do that. And that game can be played by little groups everywhere in this Legislature. Now these amendments have not had more than 10 votes, I don't think, on any one amendment. There is no indication that this bill is controversial other than in the minds of three or four people in here. If you bracket this...and those who object to this bill have made no effort to make reasonable substantive amendments to the bill. Senator DeCamp has never been in to talk to the sponsors of the bill, to my knowledge, neither has Senator Chambers. All of the amendments have been efforts to kill the bill, not efforts to improve the bill. It seems to me that what this Legislature wants to do is not allow three or four members of the Legislature to bludgeon it into making a decision that is contrary to its true intent. There is no purpose for putting this off. There are going to be a lot of hard issues this session. I predict to you there will be at least 30 or 40 bills upon which we will request Attorney General's Opinions. If you are going to put off every bill upon which there is a legitimate constitutional question of some sort, then we are going to be bracketing 30 or 40 bills. You are going to put this bill off till later in the session. Do you think things are going to be better later in the session when the budget hits this floor? Things are going to be worse and you are not going to want to talk about the paramilitary bill. You are going to want to get on to budget matters. You are going to want to get on to financial matters. You are going to want to get on to more important economic matters. You are not going to want this bill back and it is going to be back. It is going to be back one way or the other. You should be deciding it now and getting it out of the way and getting it done. If you don't want to advance it, fine, but let's get through the discussion and make a decision. The bracketing motion is the very worst kind of motion I think can be made on this bill at this point in time. Thank you.