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PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek. Does anyone else wish to speak on the bracketing motion? I have a lot of names up here for speaking on the bill, but, Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak? Senator Chizek, yes.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I would just rise to oppose the bracketing motion, Mr. Speaker. We can get an Attorney General's Opinion, Senator can between now and Select or Final and I strenuously oppose the bracketing motion.

PRESIDENT: Anyone else that wishes to speak on the bracketing motion? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I certainly have no objection to continuing the battle and I certainly am not going to be silenced either on General File or Select File. I don't care how angry groups outside the Legislature become or how exercised individuals within the Legislature become. This happens to be an issue about which I have great concerns and there will be other issues about which other senators will have concerns that won't interest me beyond a minimal level. And at that time they will talk and talk and talk as they have done on Initiative 300, whether under the guise of discussing LR 16CA, LR 335, LR 337. So it depends on whose ox, so to speak, is being gored as to whether or not the Legislature gets tired. Now, in all those discussions of LR 16CA, which was aimed at repealing Initiative 300, very little, if anything, was accomplished. Very little is accomplished by this Legislature when there is lengthy discussion of any issue. So the length of the discussion is not what determines whether the issue has validity. That simply determines how much will those who are involved in the issue have and how much stamina. Now, Senator Beutler says that there should not be a bracketing motion. I don't care whether it is bracketed or not and I don't care how long the Attorney General delays in giving me the opinion that I seek. And I don't care if Governor Kerrey, knowing that a bill is unconstitutional, signs it. What is that to me? Do you think I am going to let what this Legislature does weigh heavily on my mind with reference to anything? Certainly not, and most of you don't either. And if you do, you ought to come let me do some counseling with you. But this issue is going to be discussed as thoroughly, from my point of view, as the rules allow me to discuss it. And I don't care again how other people may react to this today because there