

SENATOR DECAMP: ...and then maybe Senator Hall could just ask unanimous consent to bracket for a week.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I have a bracket motion up there to bracket the bill for a week. I would ask unanimous consent to do that so we can get it worked out and then have one vote on a proposition that hopefully will pass.

PRESIDENT: Is there objection to bracketing this bill for a week? If not, it is bracketed. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Is it just like any other thing, debatable?

PRESIDENT: I asked unanimous consent and I haven't had it so far on bracketing the bill.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, then I can speak to that.

PRESIDENT: No. The question...you either have to object at this point or not speak.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I don't want to object to bracketing it, but I do want to make a point, so if I have to object to bracketing it, then what do you do?

PRESIDENT: You can speak on your point of objection.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, my point of objection is this, Mr. President. It sounds like one way or the other we're going to raise these salaries, it's just a matter of how much and that people are going to go around and decide among themselves, so that anybody that really isn't in favor of it, it's going to be sort of like a greased bill and I'm wondering if that is the purpose of bracketing it, just to decide how big a salary increase are we going to be giving these people. If that's the purpose of bracketing it, then why don't we just continue with the auction and get it over with now once and for all, as long as it's going to be a body, a majority of 25 that agree that these people should have a salary increase? That's my only objection. It's going to come up again next week if you bracket it.