

bill as it was written, but we have to see exactly what the changes do. Are they better, worse, what do they neutralize, where do they change and where are they coming from? Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. Clerk, I understand you have a bracket motion right now.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Pappas would move to bracket the bill until March 25.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Senator Pappas, do you want to speak on your motion?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, Madam Speaker, colleagues, I think because of the lateness of the day and the lateness of bringing in this amendment that we didn't get copies of or a chance to really look at in depth and study and see what the true question is, I would ask unanimous consent to bracket this until March 25th.

SENATOR DECAMP: Ohhhh, you didn't have to do that.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: The Chair recognizes Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, I strongly object to the basic delaying action that is being proposed. There is no question that there are some elements of the lending institution industry that opposed 999, I've known about that since the day I threw the bill into the hopper, but I think those of us who are trying to find some solutions to the ag problem have been working at this particular proposal with sincere interests and working with the lending institutions. A meeting took place this morning with Bill Brandt and trying to find some middle ground on this with the lending institutions. We may not be there yet, but I never listened to a more ridiculous line of questioning than what Senator Haberman just asked Senator Hoagland. The fact of the matter is, we are trying to find some solutions. I recall working with Senator Haberman on a tractor testing bill that never came out of the study committee until about half an hour before the hearing and we had a number of farm groups come in and complain because they were not part of the process that worked out the compromises on that bill. So we've done this before and we've tried to keep the fights off the floor. We've tried to find some middle ground