

their continuance of operation. I ask you, don't support the bracket motion. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. President, members of the body, of course, I, too, object to the bracket motion. I think Senator Johnson, I guess I have to remember Senator Hall last year. He put it so eloquently and I am sure that I can't. Aw, come on now, Senator Johnson, let's back up here a little bit. I have to recall from the top of my mind that it was put in this same bill, Metro in Omaha was able to increase their budget. If I recall, right now their asking was .0463 to nine cents which is by my calculations 100 percent increase. We could trust Metro Board and I can guarantee you that I will trust all of the members of all of the boards, and I think for Senator Morehead's resolution, I happen to serve on Education, I know a little bit about the background of it, and I think he was reading it the wrong way. That is a message to the people in Southeast, sit down and find an answer to your problem, sit down and work it out, instead of nit picking back and forth, and this is a local situation. I don't think it is fair to the other colleges. We have worked hard on this bill, and to bracket it for two weeks, we wouldn't gain anything. I do, however, respect Senator Johnson in his point that we have to watch all areas, all taxes, and we cannot give out any message or any unnecessary increases, and I certainly respect him in that area, and I am not here to cut him down in that respect but I do support please don't bracket the bill. Let's move on. Don't penalize the people outstate and I think that he interpreted the resolution just exactly the opposite from what it was meant. With that, I will hope for you to vote against the bracketing.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Nichol, you are next, but before you start may the Chair take this opportunity to introduce to you 16 seniors from Lexington St. Ann's School in the north balcony with their teacher, guests of Senator Barrett. We welcome you to the Unicameral Legislature and hope that you have a pleasant day while you are in Lincoln. Senator Nichol, please, on the bracket motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the