

can't help you the way we'd like to help you. It seems irrelevant, to me, to pass something of this magnitude at this particular hour in the session, that basically is not going to help those people who need the help right now. And I may be wrong in my assessment of the situation, but we are going through the last two hours with no direction on this issue. We're offering things, and we're taking things out, and we're putting things in the bill, but we haven't done anything. Without that retroactivity of the bill I suggest you have nothing but an empty bag. Maybe I'm wrong. If I am wrong you can certainly vote down the bracket motion. But it would seem to me that it would be better for us to pass something that has some worthwhile merit to it for people who need the help than passing something that will do nothing, or at least a very limited amount of something. And all I'm trying to do is put some sanity back in the process right now, which doesn't seem that there has been any this whole afternoon on this issue. And I know I'm going to catch a lot of heck from a lot of farm groups for doing this. But I just don't know if you are sending a message out there that in the end we've done anything progressive for agriculture or for the people who are out there who really need the help. Now I may be wrong and I'm more than willing to stand corrected on my assessment of the issue. But, rather than spend the rest of the afternoon...or the rest of this evening arguing this issue back and forth, I'm going to offer the Legislature at least an option. And if they want to follow this option, fine, if they do not, fine. But I can guarantee you I will try and be back here next year to go back in here and try and do something similar to this next year if there is some legitimate compromise along the way.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No objection? So ordered. Oh, okay. There is an objection. Do you move then? Senator Rod, are you going to move?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. There is a motion to bracket. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I find myself in a very peculiar situation this evening. Whether you all know it or not I was involved with this bill before it was introduced. I had done a lot of research. I had read a lot of material. I talked to people who were interested in it. My name was not to be put on the bill because certain