

SENATOR HIGGINS: I'd love it. Thank you, Mr. President. I make the motion to bracket this bill until December 24th so that the Appropriations Committee can go back and reconsider the work they have been doing. As we have been voting all morning and as we have been voting in previous days, members of the Appropriations Committee have been voting against their own budget that they prepared. So I don't see unanimity on the Appropriations Committee. They pick and choose after they prepared the budget. One by one they get up and they justify, put back the money we originally recommended taking out. So I say the Appropriations Committee evidently needs to go back and reassess all the work they have done and maybe the rest of us need to reassess it. So let them go back, study it some more, maybe they will want to reduce the budget overall 2 percent, maybe 1 percent. But why waste this afternoon taking them item by item by item and giving these agencies back what we originally took away on General File? And I think December 24th would be a good day to bracket it till so that when the Appropriations Committee members come back and they have decided to change their Appropriations budget and raise the amount that they are going to give these agencies from what they originally said they would, then we're going to remove that stigma that Santa Claus is a man because on December 24th we can give all these state agencies more money than originally planned and we women will have a chance to play Santa Claus too, and I'm very serious. I think we should bracket this bill. I think the Appropriations Committee should go back and reassess what they have done and we should reassess it. So I would urge the body to vote to bracket this bill until December 24th, 1985, so that the body can reconsider if we aren't being too much like Scrooge or being stingy with these government agencies. Now the taxpayers, of course, will be Santa Claus, but we represent the taxpayers. So on Christmas Eve the Appropriations Committee can come back with a new budget and say, we're giving them more because it's Christmas. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, or Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the motion is to bracket and I have Senator Peterson to speak. Did you wish to speak on the bracketing? Senator DeCamp, did you wish to speak on the bracketing? I don't see Senator DeCamp. Did anyone wish to speak on the bracketing of the bill? If not, the question is, shall the bill be bracketed? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted?