

advance the bill. So all I am saying is let's wait until a time that is still enough time for Senator Dierks to get the bill moving if, in fact, the process is changed by the FBI, but yet let's not advance the bill if there is no change, because to advance a bill knowingly that cannot be enacted to me is a waste of the Legislature's time and, quite honestly, we have more important things to do. I think it is a fair bracket motion. I think it gives Senator Dierks time that if the FBI changes that the bill can still move. If they don't change, and they change in the interim, we can come back again and say, Senator Dierks can say, good news, we can do it without fingerprinting, let's move on. But to advance the bill with the old saying of maybe it will change in the future to me is not legitimate grounds for us to do so. This would give us a little bit of latitude on both sides. I urge the body to accept the bracket motion only until March 14th, to which time if the FBI changes, there would still be time to move the bill. I suspect, however, the FBI will not change and the bill would then stay at that particular point.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Dierks, on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I object to the bracket motion. I don't think we need this. It appears to me to be another method of slowing the situation down, and I think we've come to grips with the problem we had with the bill originally, and I don't see any reason for us to stop at this point. I think we have a bill that is viable and does what we've asked for it to do. We've even taken some of the teeth out of it to satisfy segments of the population that think we were invading privacy. I have no problem with trying to get the bill advanced today. I am not concerned at all about what the FBI is doing or not doing. I think that not only is the possibility there, it is also a very probable situation. We know that it will happen. We just need to get the works in motion. I don't think we need to have that done before the bill is passed. I think the bill should be passed before that is done to encourage the change on the part of the FBI. So let's not go with this bracket motion. Let's go ahead and move this bill on to Select File today. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Lynch on the motion to bracket. That won't be necessary, Senator Lynch, yours is the last light on. Senator Bernard-Stevens, did you