

SENATOR HALL: ...all of a sudden, thinking that at some point we're going to magically clear off the green sheet for senator's priority bills that are left. It isn't going to happen. We'll get bogged down like we did yesterday, work through the process, like we should, and adjourn at the end of the day. And that's fine, that's the nature of the business that we're about. That's how we function. It makes little sense to say at this point in time we don't want to work in that manner but yet maybe later on down the agenda we're going to change the rules again. I don't have any problem dealing with it. I don't want to support the bracket motion. I would like to talk about 4140 again because I think it's an important issue but I do appreciate the manner in which the bracket was brought.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Wickersham. Senator Ashford

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I agree with what Senator Hall has said. And I look at it this way, it just seems so obvious to me that the Speaker has made a determination on what the agenda should be and, obviously, has gone through the bills and asked the introducers whether these are controversial amendments, whether they can be processed quickly. And, obviously, in the case of most of the amendments that Senator Wesely had, they were noncontroversial. They are things that would be helpful to our state, wouldn't have a lot of debate. So far, this agenda...we've tried to stick with our agenda. The agenda has been well thought out. It just seems to me that to simply to bracket a bill just for the sake of bracketing it when we have spent days and days and days plodding through other amendments and other initiatives because it's getting late in the session is not appropriate. Again, I think the Speaker has done an excellent job in putting this agenda together. We ought to stick with the agenda. Senator Wesely ought to run his amendments. If he had run his amendments, we would be through the amendments by now and we would be to the next bill, which, of course, is obvious. But I would think we should just get back to where we were, stick with the agenda, have...Senator Wesely should run his amendments and then go on to the next bill. We're...and get back on track. We've gone off an hour now but we could get back on and stick with where we're at and just plow through it. That's the way it's designed and that's how we should do it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Schmit.