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SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I appeal. I think it is time we put an end to this charade. It has been going on long enough. If the motion goes down, we will continue all night. I have plenty of time.

PRESIDENT: All right. The Chair's position, again, is the sanctity of the Rules. There may or may not be a charade here but the Rules stand. The question is, shall the Chair be overruled? Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 15 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion failed. Now read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: I move to bracket 434 until March 23rd.

PRESIDENT: All right. Again I would like to remind Senator Chambers that you must keep your remarks directly to the proposition of bracketing. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I am proceeding in accord with the Rule that allows bracketing or postponing a bill to a definite time. March 23rd is tomorrow. I don't feel that the delay of a few hours in the moving of this bill, and you know it is going to pass, is going to hinder its chances at all. Any bill that gets off General File by tomorrow has a chance to pass in terms of the amount of time available. The reason for the bracketing is to give a chance for discussion. Senator Schmit and Senator DeCamp, and they can, I don't mind being called a liar if I am lying, but they can tell you that I am lying if both of them have not talked to me about establishing a time frame, some specifics in which certain things in this bill are to occur and I feel that rather than go through the trouble of advancing the bill, then making an individual motion each time you want to amend one of these provisions and have that voted up or down, then vote again on the issue itself, to let the bill stay where it is so that it can be, amendments can be offered is not going to hurt it and it ultimately will save time. If the bill is on E & R, the attempt to bring it back for amendment can be made anyway, and on the motion to bring it back, the issue on its merits can be discussed so where will the saving of the time be. I am asking and suggesting that the bill be bracketed until tomorrow. There is no way it can be prevented from moving tomorrow, no way at all and I ask that you vote this motion up.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, I have not spoke on this meeasure but I want to speak now. I move the question.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five seconds? The question is, shall debate now cease? Record your vote. Record.