

April 4, 1977

who introduces that proposal has a reason which could be succinctly expressed within 3 minutes of time and the introducer of the bill could in turn express his or her reasons for not wishing to have that bill bracketed. I feel that this would then allow us to continue to move forward with the work at hand. I feel it does not put undue pressure on this body to make a decision after you have heard the two expressed points of view from the introducer and from the senator who chooses to request a bill to be bracketed.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The Chair is going to ask the people to keep it down just a little bit, Senator Marsh, so we can hear you a little better.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. It would be unnecessary for everyone on the Legislative floor to speak. A decision to bracket is generally made with reason if that reason could not be expressed in 3 minutes of time, then that reason may not be valid. But it is also a way to tie up the movement of legislation on this floor. Perhaps you like having that flexibility to jam someone else's legislation, but it also can happen to you. I support this proposed rule change.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Speaker Luedtke.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I just want to say again to Senator Marvel's argument, I don't see what this amendment does is defeating what he wants to do. There is certainly sufficient time provided in this proposal to allow the person who wants to bracket to, as Senator Marsh put it so well, succinctly tell the Legislature why he or she wants the bill bracketed. That's all it is, the matter before us and then the individual whose bill it is or the committee chairman can react one way or the other stating why they do not want it bracketed or why they will go along with it. Obviously, if they go along with it, we generally have a unanimous consent situation which takes no time at all. What I'm suggesting is that we are wasting the Legislature's time, wasting the taxpayer's time by arguing over bracketing when we could get down to the matter of arguing the merits of the bill either if it is not bracketed arguing at that time or arguing the points at the point at which it is bracketed. As sure as we're standing here right now wasting time, we're going to be wasting that time because we're going to be doing it over and over again.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'll pass. The points have been made that I wanted to make. Thank you.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Thank you Senator Carsten. Senator Neil Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, I respectfully call the previous question.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Do I see five hands? The question before us is to move the previous question. All those in favor will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays.

02428