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Perhaps this is one of the reasons I support the bracket motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Crosby, you're next.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I haven't made up my mind whether to support this bracket motion but I am concerned in particular about LB 1278. I have only had two people, two calls who support 1278, and I don't like the reference to the RNs as if you're brushing off the RNs and saying they're not important. For me, the registered nurses are the vanguard, the elite corps, if you will, of the nursing profession. They are the ones who go on and get the degree and quite often a bachelor's degree, along with the RN, so they are the administrators, the supervisors, the people who are there to work with the medical profession to make the nursing profession what it is today. So I am really concerned about LB 1278 since it hasn't had a lot of floor debate. I know it was voted out of committee and I understand it's Senator Rasmussen's bill. But...and I know Senator Rasmussen is going to speak now. That's fine, but I need to hear that when Senator Wesely says everybody is agreed but the RNs, I think the RNs are very important. So, from that point of view, I guess if you don't bracket, then I do think that each amendment should be taken up separately. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I yield my time to Senator Lamb.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, and members, you know, I'm not real close to this issue but I do know there are some things in 1019 that I think need to pass. So if the proposals...if the amendments can't be worked out so that they threaten the bill, I guess I'm...I'm suggesting that we should either withdraw the amendment or vote down the amendment but not bracket the bill. It seems to me that that's the wrong way to operate, that we need the bill, whether or not we need all these amendments, I don't know, but I hate to see the bill threatened just by the amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Wesely, your