

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall, I will...I will just make a comment from the Speaker's point of view on this, and the reason that the bill is up is because we have a number of bills, we have two or three other ones, and I think if you noticed two days ago we did a bill on Select File that was a Transportation Committee bill. A number of these bills advanced to Select File. They were being held because of the...at the request of the chairman of the committees, and that's been practiced all along, that we do hold those. So right now I am trying to clean up Select File, and that's why this bill is in front of us at the present time. And so there is a process there, and there are a few other bills that are sitting out there that are the same status, and I don't think that it is my prerogative to keep bills off of the agenda just because they happen to have a lot of amendments on them. I don't think that is something I can choose to do. So that's...I am just explaining what my process was when I did this. Would you like to respond, Senator Hall?

SENATOR HALL: If I could, please, Mr. Speaker, clearly the agenda is the prerogative, the territory, the bailiwick of the Speaker, and I have no objections to that. My objection is, if I didn't make it clear, should be directed toward the eleven various amendments that are attached to this bill. I have no problem with this bill rising in order as it is found on Select File. I have a problem with the seven other bills and four substantive amendments that are attached that we are going to have to walk through before we advance this bill. That's the purpose for my bracket motion. I did not mean to impugn the Speaker or his prerogative as it relates to the agenda.

SPEAKER BAACK: No, I understand that, Senator Hall. I just wanted to explain to you how it got to where it got to. That's all I wanted to explain. Senator Wesely, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Let me try and give my background for Senator Hall and the other individuals on what's happening here. This bill has been sitting on Select File probably since maybe late February, early March, so for several months we've held the bill on Select File for a number of reasons; one of them was the court case that came down that through out our unprofessional conduct code, which we knew was a serious problem for us right now. If we don't correct that, we could end up with a very serious problem of disciplining physicians and others who have shown unprofessional conduct. And there were other elements that were