

bracket motion because of what Senator Chambers has said about the language. I don't stand up and talk about the language much. We have students on...in this Legislature, on the floor, to do that, and I'm grateful for them. I generally agree or disagree, as the case might be. On this I agree. I don't think we ought to be exercising this kind of a responsibility, first of all, before we know what's happening in Revenue Committee and with the proposed consolidation bills, and that should wait. A bracket motion would provide us that opportunity. I'm sure Senator Chambers did not put a date on it because he's not quite sure when that will be, but I'm sure you could put language in that would say the bracket motion would apply as soon as the other bills are voted out of committee and onto the floor and they are considered at the same time. We probably should talk about those other bills first before we revisit LR 46CA. But it would give us a chance, a chance to understand. I'm not going to be, you know, kind of hard-nosed about this and ask Senator Hillman if she could tell me, she must have something in mind and the people that support this in Scotts Bluff County must have something in mind about who they would not have around anymore, if something like this would be successful, and how much money they would save. I'd like to know if they would pay someone to do four constitutional jobs...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...and pay them the equivalent of all four salaries, or just one. But you know what? I bet if they did that they'd probably have some kind of a deputy who would be hired at probably the same price the elected officials are hired at now to do the same thing. We just don't know all of these things. I think we should give people the right to vote, but we didn't think they were smart enough to vote on gambling, but I guess, apparently because you want this, you think they're smart enough to vote on this. There's obviously an inconsistency there as well, it's a matter of wills. What it looks like it's boiling down to is a matter of power, we want to concentrate power and we think it might help overcome the concerns people have. Our first obligation is explain to people what we have, how it works, how good it is or how bad it is, and then talk about change, not just change it for the sake of change, and hope that somebody benefits from it. I'm concerned about this kind of legislation. If we're not going to take the time to help people understand the kind of system we have,...