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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell and then Senator Nichol. We are speaking to the motion to bracket the bill.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I am rising to oppose the bracketing motion by Senator Beutler and I also want to point out to this body that Senator Beutler is the one not too very long ago that got up and said, well, we ought to not bracket, I object to that kind of procedure. This bracketing stuff just puts things off. Now I can understand Senator Beutler's great concern for rules and procedures and so forth, but I am getting a little sick and tired of what I think is a little bit of hypocrisy and furthermore, I think is an unnecessary--let me say it this way. This bill is going to have a public hearing. That is why we introduced it as a bill. The State Patrol and others felt there was a need to have a public hearing. Everybody involved feels that there is a need to have that public hearing to have it aired, to have the issue aired and that is why we asked instead of amending a bill, we asked for introduction of a bill to air this issue and discuss this issue. This issue is just the introducing of a bill. Now, I spoke to the Speaker. I was not trying to pull a fast one in terms of introducing this bill. I did not think it was terribly controversial and I think that there is a need to do this. Winter does not stop or start after the Legislature gets into session. It does not wait until February after we have had public hearings. We are going to have winter next year just like we had winter this year and I think that we ought to introduce this bill now and have that kind of public hearing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have a question of the Chair and as I understand the last year or two, we have not been bracketing and I don't have any feelings one way or the other as far as this particular bill is concerned as to whether we bracket it or not. My question is whether we are going to bracket bills this year and if so, are we going to bracket them to a specific date if such a decision has been reached?

SPEAKER MARVEL: As far as the Chair is concerned, if we continue the bracketing process, I am not talking necessarily about this one, if we continue the bracketing process, you are simply postponing the time when other bills will be confronted. You are rapidly approaching a dangerous time when the hours are slipping away and we simply will not have the time to confront the bills. I get criticized periodically for trying to tighten up debate. It is just as necessary for those who have bills which have not been considered as