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perfectly clear what they are trying to do, and if that is the case then I am going to oppose the unbracketing of 206. Senator Chambers has an alternative he can use. He can take the '81-'82 appropriation out of the A bill, leave the appropriation for '80-'81, which is a deficiency appropriation that is not covered by the motion. He can then file his lawsuit and there is no need whatsoever to do it. I was trying to be a friendly fellow about this, but obviously that is not the purpose of the....I am sure Senator Chambers' purpose was exactly what he said. But obviously there are others who want to make this into something else. So on the basis of the discussion that I have heard and the obvious intent of a number of people, and I am not going to comment on some of their other remarks at this time, but I am sure I will have an opportunity to later, I am going to have to oppose the bill to unbracket and inform you that Senator Chambers has an option to pass it by amending the A bill so that can proceed and I would hope the body would turn the motion down.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. President and members, I rise in support of Senator Chambers' motion to unbracket the bill. I think timing is so very, very important. This matter... a similar bill as you will recall was passed last year. Because of the lateness of the session, the Governor vetoed the bill. We did not have a chance to override it. We could very well be in the same position this year. The matter has been a ping pong, a virtual ping pong for nearly 44 years. The time has certainly come for this thing to be resolved by the courts once and for all, and I believe the unbracketing of the bill is the obvious move in the right direction. I support Senator Chambers in his effort to get this matter of 206 moving. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I don't know how we got two issues going here at the same time, but we certainly do and they seem to be counteracting against each other. I very strongly support what Senator Chambers is trying to do and if he could use the vehicle outlined by Senator Warner, I think that would be a more proper way to go about it. Now as far as bracketing A bills so that we can take a look at the total amount of expenditures before we make our prioritization as to what expenditures should or shouldn't be made, I don't know of any other common sense way to budget. If we keep taking