

bold concept, and I do believe that we need some time to think it over, to talk about it, and to come up with some answers to some questions people have, especially concerning many of the facets here, financing, transportation, athletic participation. I wouldn't have as much of a problem with the bill if everybody had come to that committee and testified in favor but that didn't happen. We had some opposition and we had some very strong opposition. We are finding opposition here on the floor. We are taking a lot of time. We have spent the whole morning on this piece of legislation. I feel that we need to fall back and regroup. We can come back in another year with the right information to make the thing fly. Basically, the concept of the bill I have no problem with. I would like to have support from my district and I don't have that. So this is the reason for the bracket motion. I think it is time for us to stop and take a good look at it and take that amount of time to come up with the answers we need. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, your light was on on the other, did you wish to speak? Okay.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I do. Mr. President and members of the body, I would point out a couple of things as to why I think that this is not an appropriate motion to support at this time. Sometimes a bill will come to the floor of the Legislature from a committee and it will hit the floor and there will be a series of amendments, and those series of amendments serve to point out deficiencies in a bill, problems with the bill. They will raise the level of confusion. The members will become, who thought they understood the bill, will realize that they don't, that it is more complicated, that it needs more time. And, then, at the conclusion of a couple of hours of debate, a bracket motion is appropriate. What has happened in this case is just the opposite. If you...I can pretty much and very much enjoy watching the dynamics on the floor of the Legislature. It is kind of an interesting process. You can never predict what is going to happen, but what happened here was a bill that came out as a concept that some people were a little worried about because of what appeared to be such a far-reaching change, and through discussing a series of amendments, adopting amendments, answering questions, listening to debate, I sense that the body is coming together to be able to reach a conclusion as to whether they think this is good public policy or bad public policy. There are a few more amendments here that need to be adopted or need to be considered, some of which can be adopted,