

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, if I could ask Senator Kristensen a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR HARTNETT: You brought up the motion...the rationale for your bracketing motion was asking an Attorney General's Opinion. Did you request the Attorney General's Opinion? Or what's the purpose of the Attorney General's Opinion? I guess I have not heard the rationale for that.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I did not ask for the opinion. I believe that Senator Chambers did and probably he would be best to ask the contents of the request.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Chambers, would you...I would like to know, I guess that seems to be the genesis for this bracketing motion is waiting for this Attorney General's Opinion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's the justification but not the genesis.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The Attorney General's Opinion, the request was phrased very broadly in one or two sentences. Sent a copy of the bill and asked was there anything in it that violated the Constitution of Nebraska; something along that line. If I had the copy, I could read it but there was only one or two sentences involved in it.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Kristensen asks us to bracket for a week's time, basically, to give us time to examine the Attorney General's Opinion before we make a final decision on LB 397 and to be illuminated by whatever the Attorney General might have to say on the subject. Is that a fair characterization of the argument, Senator Kristensen?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.