

language to the problem. Now I don't mind accepting the revisions to the idea if they are improvements upon what is in the bill, but I do object to the fact that 25 minutes before we were to meet this morning, with LR 2 being the first bill to be read by the Clerk, that I have got an amendment sitting here I am supposed to react to it. I am supposed to have the Bill Drafter's Office look at it and put it in language that reflects what is in the bill. That I object to and I am just a little bit miffed at the idea that we have had lots of time between Select File and Final Reading to bring those issues to me. I have said on Select File and I will say it here today again, when we get to those amendments, that I don't have any objects to at least one of them, but I wished that those who want to take care of their special interest organizations would do a little bit better job working with us in the meantime. I think it would make the process a lot easier and make it a lot easier on us in drafting amendments that I think are workable, but to have them thrown up here on the day of the Final Reading vote I think is reprehensible. I just don't like that idea, I don't like that method. I realize it is an easy method to use but I, speaking to the bracket motion, I would ask the body to reject that motion. Let's move forward, let's deal with the other amendments that are up there, and hopefully this session, we can get to a vote that will pass LR 2.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, the reason that we are here this morning debating LR 2 is because for a number of years individuals, entities mostly outside of this body, have taken the position that they knew exactly what was needed and that they would brook no interference, they would take no advice, they would accept no recommendations, no modifications, no alterations, no amendments. That is why we are here today. Five times we have made mistakes on this type of legislation. Five times we have suffered embarrassment, humiliation, and vilification, and rejection, part of the time by the Supreme Court, and the time has come when the people of the State of Nebraska deserve an amendment, if we pass the amendment, which is, at least, conceptually honest. I am going to read a paragraph from the Farm Bureau Newsletter, and I want you to listen to it very carefully. I would like to read the entire article but I do not have time. The paragraph says, "It is a situation that is a must for state senators, many of whom hated to support the bill. But the amendment that was adopted will