

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to bracket the bill until Monday.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I really don't think we need a lot of time for discussion. I think the body will know what it wants to do one way or another. I wouldn't do so without checking with the Chairman of the Appropriations, which I have done, and others. If the bill is...the original intention, and, certainly, Senator Warner, correct me if I say anything that is incorrect, but my understanding of the Appropriations Committee intent was that this bill would not have been acted upon until the major appropriations bills and A bills had been done. We would then look and see where we are in our budget, and then if we had room, we would be able then to move on 525. Obviously, the way the scheduling has turned out, we are putting in the trailer, things we might be able to do if we had money left over, we are putting that almost ahead of most of the other major A bills, such as LB 89, LB 84 and others. What I am simply doing is bracketing until Monday, and the reason I do so is not to delay passage of the bill because I have been informed that if we go on Monday, it still could be passed. It still could move, it still could be passed by the end of the session. We would then get through with the major part of the appropriations, they would have been sent to the Governor. On Monday, we would receive certain bits of the veto information, and we would have a lot more information as a body to deal intelligently with extra spending. I think it is a motion that the body can do. I am not taking out the Kristensen amendment. I am still saying the bill has a chance to pass and it can pass. I certainly would not try to delay it anymore because there are other things in the bill that I would like to have on Monday, but I think we can make a wiser decision on Monday when we have more information on what we have done with the rest of the budget, and waiting the weekend to see what the Governor is going to do so we have a clearer idea of what we, as a body, are doing. I think it would be a wise, prudent, fiscal responsible move for this Legislature to do, and I would have one response for Senator Elroy Hefner, who is gone now, and I hope he returns. But Senator Hefner said that we are accusing superintendents of not doing their job, and I think that is not totally correct, Senator Hefner, wherever you are. I was saying before that we are not doing our job, that we are not doing our job, and I would challenge how many of you, and I know senators