

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BAACK: ...how they are checking out, and do they come in and testify in favor of that? Oh, no, they don't want that. They do not want accountability. They just want more dollars, and I am not willing...I can't go out to my taxpayers right now and say I am going to give them 20 more million dollars to do the same old thing. If I am going to give them more money, I want to see a plan of attack. I want to know what they are going to do with that money and how that money is going to be used to improve the quality of education. If they say it is going to reduce property tax, I want to see that. They haven't shown me that. Twenty million dollars isn't going to reduce property taxes at all. You and I both know that. It is not going to happen. Their budgets increase at a level higher than that. Twenty million dollars isn't going to make a dent, and we know that. So if we are going to give them \$20 million, let's at least say let's do something with the quality out there. Let's not just give it to them and say go ahead and do the same old thing over and over again. I would simply urge the body to bracket this bill and then we could have some time to think about what we are doing here and put things in perspective. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Speaker Barrett.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I guess I rise with two concerns on my mind. One is a longstanding concern about bracketing bills. That is a personal situation that I have lived with for several years. I, additionally, have more concern about bracketing bills with four days left. Secondly, I guess I would also share with you the fact that the directive earlier indicated that it was my purpose to finish our business Friday night so that everything came down and could be passed over to the Governor's Office. It is legally, technically possible to deal with this bill on Monday. It truly is, but I have a certain amount of discomfort because the dam is then broken and what is to prevent other such measures happening, then I have a problem about scheduling or not scheduling the bill on Monday, and, frankly, we will not have adequate time to address vetoes in my opinion. So I share those two concerns with the body with reference to the bracketing motion which is before us. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by