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LB 84, 739

Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair advises the body that the bracket motion is in order. That is the issue at this point. The motion is to bracket the bill until Friday, May 19, at 1:30 I believe, Senator Hannibal. Was that correct?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You are certainly recognized.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members, I, as well as all of us here, recognize that the hour is very late and I do recognize that we would like to go home. I also recognize there is a large number of you in this room that would like to read LB 84 first before we do that. However, when you feel real strongly about something you need to say it on the floor regardless, as long as the other side is going to continue pushing something that you feel pretty strongly against. I have no intention of trying to filibuster the bill. I did not put the bracket motion up because I had been informed when I walked up there that there was a suspension motion up to suspend the rules and vote on the bill without further debate. I had put my light on to speak against that motion and then the motion was pulled. Therefore, I had to put the bracket motion up or we would have read the bill and I would not have been able to argue against it. I'm going to leave the bracket motion up. I'm not going to pull it off. I would like to see a vote on it, and I am full willing to discuss this, not because I want to filibuster but because I want to make sure that everybody feels strong enough to do it tonight to read this bill. I don't. I feel very strongly that we should not read this bill tonight. And to stand up here, which has been so often my plight, I think, in the last few weeks, just to stand up and talk on positions that are fairly unpopular, I guess I'm getting more and more used to it. It's very difficult to talk against property tax relief and I'm not trying to do that. All that I am asking is that we hold off on this vote and take it in a more normal order. Nothing can be hurt. If the majority of the body wants to pass this bill, we can pass it. I would prefer to see this bill brought down to a more manageable, as far as the budget is concerned, a more manageable level. Haven't had that happen. I'm prepared that the body will probably eventually vote for LB 84. I'm not sure why there's such a big rush on this. I obviously have an interest in this LB 739, as many of you do. I believe the two