

Commonwealth bill that has been back before us. I offer the motion to bracket for this reason. This is the last of the major spending issues to be put on Final Reading for the body to consider, and frankly, we are at a gridlock on budget issues. There is certainly a murky taste ahead for 272A regardless because of the well-fought and very close division of sentiments on it. However, it is also the case that because of the way issues are now structured, everyone sees every other bill as a potential malefactor, potential blocker, that keeps their bills from getting passed, and the only thing that's going to add some clarity to our deliberations is to pass the measures that we have before us, send them to the Governor's desk, allow her to do her work and return the budget with her vetoes to see what work she has done, to see what priorities she has. If, after that priority status has occurred, if the body has sent over the bills it supports and the Governor has sent back the bills that she opposes and has put on the table the vetoes, if at that point we have a list of priorities that would permit this issue to go forward, that's the time to take up 272. Unfortunately right now, both rumors and innuendo are rampant that a vote for one bill is as good as a vote against another bill. If you support this measure you are sealing the fate of that measure. I would suggest to the body that the best way to have this issue come forward is, at the end, in a balancing kind of act that we'd have to play with a greater clarity that we'll know following dispositions of considerations tomorrow, and that's the reason for the bracket.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the bracket motion, Senator Wesely, followed by Senators Hall, Schmit and Abboud. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I want to rise in support of the bracket motion. I also want to rise and commend this Legislature. When you voted a couple of days ago to amend LB 272A and advanced the bill. It was one of the best days I've had in 11 years in this Legislature. We're very concerned right now about whether we will eventually pass this bill and the hope that you gave, those of you who voted for that bill, the hope and promise of relief that you gave to those Commonwealth, State Securities and American Savings depositors, we can't let that die and we're very afraid at this moment with the circumstances we're in, that that's exactly where we're at. We understand how hard the vote is and we appreciate very much your vote the other day and we know you're in a tough spot and a