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SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford moves the previous question. Five hands I do see. Shall debate now close? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Landis, for a closing statement.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'll renew my motion which is to bracket till tomorrow, hoping that the body will have by that time a greater sense of priority and knowing where the money is, acknowledging that that won't be absolutely clear, but we will know more than what we know today. Secondly, let me say that I think each of us tries to do the best we can for our bills. You try to read the street. You try to say what's my best opportunity, and frankly, the way I analyze it, I've had a better opportunity when people know more about the budget than I do today. That's why I make the motion. I've got to say I think fair words, fair arguments by Senator Abboud, Senator Hefner, but in a personal note let me distinguish those arguments from the arguments of Senator Lamb who on his own spending priority, suspends the rules and moves his bill ahead of everyone else's for consideration to make sure that it isn't in the gridlock that the rest of these are, and now to defend the system is, in my estimation, to be hypocritical. For the rest of us I think there are fair arguments to be made and much more legitimate arguments and I certainly acknowledge them to apply in this case. With respect to this situation I do the best I can for my people, I do the best I can for my issue and this is the best way I can to exonerate these interests. I move to bracket the bill till tomorrow.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the motion to bracket the bill until tomorrow and the Chair advises the body that the motion to bracket, having been made by the introducer, requires a majority of those voting to prevail, simple majority. All in favor of the motion to bracket vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted if you care to vote? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to bracket the bill.