

bracket motion can be taken up now. I will be voting against this bracket motion but I would be in favor today of bracketing 747 upon its successful completion of going to passage on General File to bracketing it on E & R to permit that kind of joint decision-making that doesn't throw away the key to agreement. And the key to agreement here is there must be relief for farmers and for people who have very large portions of property, as well as homeowners. So I'm going to vote against the Scotty Moore amendment. I am going to vote for advancement, but, at that time, it seems to me that we should take up the issue of bracketing 747 on E & R to permit the formulation of a legislative solution or at least a legislative response this year to real property taxes. We will undo the basis for our work if we ignore the key to our agreement of the last year, which is that homeowners must participate and receive real property tax relief as well as farmers. That must happen this year as well if we anticipate genuine...

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SENATOR LANDIS: ...real property tax relief. And, to do that, we need to bring that lid mechanism along at the same time as we do any major property tax relief issue. Without it, we run the chance of permitting ourselves to fall into the same trap we did last year which was to pass major real property tax relief and then have it eaten up by other political subdivisions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired. Senator Hall, followed by Senator Chizek.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise in opposition to Senator Moore's bracket motion. The argument that it is untimely because it is January 9th, I think, is probably the exact argument to use that is appropriate to deal with the issue when we're in the, I guess, fourth day of the session. The bill deals with two issues and the committee amendments that we're on right now deal with the issue of what level do you allow for the homestead exemption? And the bill itself deals with the issue as it was advanced out of the Revenue Committee of looking at the homestead exemption as the proper vehicle for dollars to provide property tax relief. The Revenue Committee looked at three various proposals in the area of property tax relief and advanced those three proposals to this Legislature