

you wish to talk about this motion? Senator Labeledz, may I have your attention, please. Did you wish to talk about this now? This is a different motion. Your light is on.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Absolutely, I stand and oppose the bracket motion. Senator Bernard-Stevens, this is General File, as Senator McFarland mentioned. You have Select File, if you want this amendment on, give us a run-down or a synopsis of every section and we will do it with one vote. But, instead, I don't know, I wasn't paying much attention but I understand that we would have to have at least from 10 to 15 votes on your division of the question. It's been one solid year since LB 769 was introduced. Had this been such an important amendment for you, why didn't you introduce a bill or why wasn't it done last year? And you know very well that we are going to adjourn at twelve o'clock and to bring this in at eleven o'clock and divide the question, and I say it again, it's absolutely ridiculous and so is the bracket motion. I believe that we should go on with the suspension of the rules. Senator Bernard-Stevens, I may agree with you with some of the sections that you're dividing, but, at this point, I know nothing about your amendment. You just put it on our desks a short time before you stood up. You had since eight..nine o'clock this morning to do that and did not do it. You did not talk to me about it. I don't know what you're doing, and actually if I had done anything like that, I would have a section by section explanation on the desk of every senator here rather than stand up and give us a bunch of numbers. I can't believe that you're dividing, as I understand it, (a), (b) and (c). And I relinquish the rest of my time to Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I really think sometimes that there is so much that can be said about this issue that we really never get down to the politics of it. Senator Bernard-Stevens mentioned the fact that I had a motion to suspend the rules, and I did have. I was also in the building this morning before seven o'clock and Bernice and I had discussed that motion and we had agreed that it would be unfair to bring that motion to the body without having some debate. So, although I was down in my office, I did not come up here on a dead run and try to present my motion. Secondly, we discover all of a sudden the danger of precedent. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I'm speaking against the motion to bracket but I am