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SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, several senators have asked me my response to the bracket motion. And I somewhat feel like a band leader, leading a band through the parade and turn around and find out the band isn't behind me anymore. I'd like to expedite the bill some time this session. I realize that there are a lot of supporters of the bill who have different ideas on the direction the bill should take. And I know Senator Moore has a motion that would alter the Morrissey amendment that was adopted yesterday. And I think the major parties who have been involved in the discussion of this bill have been meeting periodically to try and work out our differences. I was just approached by several senators who'd like to get together again and talk further about the Morrissey amendment and other amendments that are pending and see if we can work out some, again, some kind of a compromise. With that thought in mind, I guess I would tend to support the bracket motion only to work out differences. But to delay the bill I would be very strongly opposed to. As I said, I would like to see this issue resolved one way or the other this year, pass it or kill it. But I'm concerned that we're going to run out of time before we actually get to the bill. And I'm...I understand that the bracket motion is for a week. I think we could probably get together in the meantime and work out some of our differences. So, in spirit of compromise and willingness to cooperate with others, I'll probably support the bracket motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Further discussion on the motion to bracket, Senator Moore, with Senator Hefner on deck.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members. You know yesterday one of those lazy, logy mornings around here, late yesterday morning, actually early in the afternoon we just threw a million dollar...a million and a half dollar price tag on this bill that obviously concerned people like myself and others. And there seems to be some question of how much money you do need to address the problem. There seems to be a variety of questions that, quite frankly, on the Morrissey amendment yesterday on why some things are in there, and what actually they've done. The fact of the matter is my concern is that the Morrissey amendment, if it goes as is, could be the heavy anchor that drags this bill down, and I don't want it to. I understand Senator Morrissey was very serious in his intent. I think he wants to do something and he and I may disagree on how much