

voted on on Final Reading. But what I hear today, and this is something that has surprised me a great deal, I hear other senators, like Senator Chambers, Senator Schimek, drafting proposals. Senator Schimek just submitted another amendment. This is something we shouldn't be amending on the floor and debating on the floor at this time in our legislative session. If there are enough questions being raised, it seems appropriate to me we should bracket the bill. It can come back next year or there can be some other proposal next year to try to do this. We just don't have time to spend a lot of time on debate right now and end up not getting the 30 votes on Final Reading anyway. So, for that reason, I have offered the bracket motion. I don't know that it needs considerable debate, but I would ask you just to take a look at some of the questions that I've compiled here by people who have contacted me. Some of them relate to what Senator Chambers is asking. The first one, in particular, talks about areas of state which are consistent with the institution's primary service responsibilities; are they adequately defined? That's exactly what Senator Chambers caught. I had already listed it on this sheet before he ever introduced the amendment. I wasn't even aware he was going to introduce an amendment. I think it's appropriate to bracket the bill at this time and to move on with other business. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the bracket motion offered by Senator McFarland. Senator Moore, followed by Senators Withem and Hall.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose Senator McFarland's bracket motion. I just...I sat there and listened to his arguments and I say if you're so confident it's not going anywhere, Mack, then why don't you pull this and let us vote on it? That's what we want to do anyway. I think that's what we should do. I mean, to raise the red flag, because there's concerns over the bill, we should bracket it, to raise the red flag because we've debated it for two hours here on the 56th day, we should just abandon our efforts, I think is just, you know, doesn't carry a lot of weight. As I said, Senator McFarland, if this bracket motion was anything other than to strictly harass the bill, you wouldn't even have brought it because if what you're saying is true, you wouldn't worry about a bracket motion. Let us vote on it and let us fail. I hope we don't fail. I hope we pass it, because we're talking LR 239 for a variety of reasons, and maybe it's because my priority bill, another bill of Senator Withem's, LB 1059, has