

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, followed by Senators Labedz and McFarland.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be very brief. Given the input that I have had from the rural parts of my area and given the feeling I have about this procedure that we've been going through on the floor, I think that the thing to do is to support this bracket motion and to get on with our business. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator McFarland, would you care to close on your motion?

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I'd be glad to, Mr. Speaker, thank you, and I thank Senator Labedz for calling the question and...because I was up next and I was going to call it. I don't think we need to spend a lot of time arguing the bracket motion because it's very simple and my idea is not...I didn't introduce this for purposes of harassing the bill or delaying it. I introduced it for ending the debate on it and ending the controversy. If this were a bill that only required 25 votes to pass, it might be something that you might want to consider as far as amending it and trying to work it out. But this is going to take 30 votes to get on the ballot. It will not require 30 votes to advance. As a matter of fact, it advanced with 26 votes on General File. My fear is that we can debate this all afternoon and it will advance or not advance, it may advance with 25, 26 votes, and then we go through LB 1141, which will take another hour or two and it may advance with 25, 26 votes, we get to Final Reading and it gets the same 25 or 26 votes and does not go on the ballot and we've wasted all the time. I do not think there is sufficient support for this bill to get 30 votes. There are just too many questions being asked, and they are not being asked by me. I had a lot of amendments on there that I have