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it is really going to come down to us to figure out how to get there and which ones will do it better. I kind of suspect that when I get to the moment of truth that I still am going to believe that LR 239 is the only one that is going to make a difference and 1141 might not make that much difference. I think there are ways around that. It is maybe better than nothing but I am going to support it today just for the purposes of hearing whatever it is we might hear in the next few days, and I think that is going to be very interesting. And so I will just wait, I guess, with my ears flapping and see what we hear. I am going to vote to advance this today. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, on the advancement of the bill, followed by Senators Nelson and Withem.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, just real briefly, I would rise in opposition to the advancement of the bill, purely on procedural grounds. I think as the public watches what we are doing, we are taking a proposal that was put in the Journal yesterday and today we are voting on it. I think there has been very little public input, Senator Scofield says we will hear over the weekend, and I do appreciate that. I understand what Senator Warner is trying to do. He is trying to say put up or shut up. If you don't like LR 239 and if you don't like that, then what are you going to do? And that is appropriate. It is appropriate. We should be and should have been perhaps looking at alternatives, and it is appropriate to say that if we are not going to take one route, is there a better route that we should be looking at. So I don't...I am not critical at all of Senator Warner for making this proposal or for anybody voting for it. I simply, for one, feel that at this hour to take a concept that has not been embodied in any of the legislation, had no public hearing, had only one day in which the public was even exposed to it, and to vote it over to Final Reading, and then hope a few days from now that we will have enough input and understanding of it to make a decision, I just don't feel comfortable with. It is one thing to have a bill, to have a hearing, and have some public notice, people have an idea of what is going on and can provide some input, and it is another just to do it as quickly as we are in this case. So I just, that discomfort, I think leads to me to feeling that opposition to this is warranted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson. (Gavel.)

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I didn't want to, well, I guess I