

expenditure. Probably a lot of good ideas out there to regulate something that I think probably needs to be regulated. I'm not convinced. Senator Schrock brought up some good points in committee and has continued unmercifully to harass me about this ever since he brought up the good ideas. I hope, if he comes up with another good idea this session, he doesn't pursue it to quite this extent. Senator Labeledz, Senator Schmit brought up some good points about this particular approach. Even John DeCamp, I'll admit, in his letter, although the bombastic type of language that John tends to use is, I think, counterproductive lots of times, he even brought up some good points about whether this proposal would work or not. I would say parenthetically that many lobbyists out there, when they have problems with bills, find talking to senators is a more judicious approach than writing nasty personal attacks about them but, I know, I guess watching an individual who was once one of our finer legislators continue to self-destruct by shooting himself in the foot is something we ought to pity maybe more than get angry about. But that being said, there have been some good points raised about this bill. I'm not comfortable that this is the best approach. What I would like to do is ask unanimous consent that we bracket this bill and that we use the time to maybe look at some of these other solutions. We have a bill on General File. There is really no rush as far as pursuing this measure at this point. There aren't people out there circulating petitions, raising money to do that. We have plenty of time. I would like to invite people that have an interest in this whole paid petition, paid circulator issue to work with me over the next month or so and we'll see if we can come up with some other ideas that may be better. I do think this is not a...this is not a surrender speech, it's a speech that's saying we ought to be solving a problem as opposed to just seeing who has the votes to pass a bill and who doesn't. I fully anticipate and plan to come back after we've spent a little time working on this with what I think may be some better ideas. This was really just thrown in the hopper as a means of discussing the problem. We have discussed the problem. I would suggest at this time we bracket the bill and work on what may be a solution to the problem. So, with that, I'm asking consent to have the bill bracketed.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit, did you want to speak to the motion to bracket?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Only briefly, Mr. President. I did have a