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written any more fair, in my view, than it is now. It is time to vote on LB 88 and let LB 262 either sink or swim on its own merits. Senator Kristensen may be able to convince you that he is right. He may be able to convince you that he is right, and Senator Warner may be able to convince you that he is right, and that there are certain exemptions that ought to go into the law for municipalities, but please don't hold my bill hostage for that reason. That is not a good precedent. It is not the way to do it. That is not the way to deal with legislation in this body. The way to deal with legislation is to deal with bills that are presented straight up on their merits.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: If the votes aren't here for 88, they are not here for 88. If they are not here for LB 262, they aren't here for 262. That is the way we do it. I think Senator Johnson made the best point of all and that is that, if we do this on this bill, we are going to have measures in other areas that are going to be held up, legitimately so. All we have to say is remember Senator Hefner's bracket motion, you gave him the bracket motion, now give me the bracket motion because I don't like the bill that is going across Select File to Final Reading. Therefore, I want to hold it up so my bill can be heard. Well, we are never going to get any bills across the board. This is early in the session and it doesn't make a whole lot of difference now, because we look ahead and we see several weeks ahead of us, but if we start pulling these tricks in the last two weeks or the last three or four weeks of the session, we are going to be clogged up and never get anywhere. This is just not good policy, and I strongly urge that the bracket motion, whether it be to bracket it till tomorrow,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...it doesn't make any difference.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Hefner, do you wish to talk further on your motion? Senator Warner on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am going to support the bracket motion. It is not my preference. It is the only vehicle that...that is left. Most of us, I think, were aware on General File, should have