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two contending parties are going to knock each other out to the very last minute, let's see who has got the punch.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. We'll now go to Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Warner, to close on your motion to bracket.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'll make this short, because I don't want to be put in the position that I raised this issue and was going to use the clock. I was well aware of the fact that, as everybody else is, that I have problems with this bill, with what's not in it more than what is in it. And I can only give my own rationale, which I will do briefly one more time. My concern is on what appears to me to be the face of the issue, and that is that my impression of court decisions, usually legislative intent is relatively meaningless if the face of the law is clear when it gets to courts. I don't, very often that I can recall, and I've read a lot of court cases the last few weeks, as a matter of fact, I didn't very often, in fact, I could not recall any time when there was any doubt about a law bent, and the words were always, in those decisions, the law was clear on its face that was what the courts did. I think it was a legitimate issue. I think it was a legitimate issue to raise for one reason is that I've, during my time here, been a victim, once or twice, of not having the proper language in on repealers or other areas, flaws, and this appears to me this could be a flaw as well so I'll go ahead and make the vote. If you feel it's not a problem, obviously, you should vote no. But it will help establish a clear record that we wish to pass the bill in this form, that it not only was the intent of the Legislature but you rejected the conclusion because you felt so strongly that it was okay, that you didn't need an Attorney General's Opinion. So, with that, I will close.