

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Madam President and members, I offer the bracket motion with the idea that I believe there is about 17 or 18, at least, amendments yet to go on the bill. Several of them are serious considerations by various individuals with respect to this angle or that angle. I think we will go on forever this evening and we're running into difficult problems relative to other bills that are being trapped behind this particular concept. And I think if we wait until Tuesday, as Senator Hall even alluded to in his closing on the last amendment, that over the course of time between now and Tuesday, hopefully, many of these parties can get together and, hopefully, come up with a package that we know that we've got a majority vote that we can support and put things back on track and go about some of the other business in the meantime. Wading through something as complex as this via amendment, after amendment, after amendment probably may never accomplish the ultimate goal in terms of having 25, and I think we need to be able to sit in a form where we can gather information and share and exchange ideas and that format probably will get us farther. So I offer the bracket motion with the idea that, hopefully, all of the parties that are interested, as we all are, but those particularly that are working on some of the amendments can get together between that period of time and maybe come together with some agreed upon arrangement.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Madam President and colleagues, I rise in support of the bracket motion. I think that the confusion that's been created here today is not going to clear up overnight and if we...it may not even clear up by May 28th, I have no idea. But I think that...I think that we do need some time to think about where we're going from here and I think that the idea of setting policy right here on the floor of the Legislature through numerous amendments is not...is not working very well and I think we need to have some time to do that. So I would support the bracket motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Speaker Baack. I will now recognize senators wishing to speak to the bracket motion. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair, and members, I also support the bracket motion for some of the reasons that have