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SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I want to apologize to the Speaker and I want to apologize to the body, it's not my intent to take the amount of time we're talking about here. I'm willing to be as reasonable as possible on this. I've talked to Senator Wickersham. All right. In deference to the Speaker as a condition for having the bill come up at this point in time, I will concede to take off all amendments to the bill, the main bill needs to pass. That's why it's put up here at this point on the agenda. I'm very disappointed for the various people that had a lot of hope about this amendment. These represent various initiatives that affect nursing homes, hospitals, physicians, clinical nurse specialists and many other individuals, public health, all of those provisions, all of which, with the exception again of the LPN portion of this on LB 1278, everything else in here I know of nobody who's opposed to those provisions, but, unfortunately, due to the pressure that's being applied at this point, and I hope if we're going to take the step now of removing amendments from this bill that others who have other amendments that are perhaps similar in nature would be consistent in not doing likewise later in the day. It's kind of interesting, since we seem to throw any amendment up to this point in time on amend...on various bills, we've kind of drawn the line in the sand and it's unfortunate it has to be this bill and this issue, but I guess what I'm saying is if Senator Wickersham would...if you will withdraw your bracket motion, I will withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will withdraw the bracket motion. I regret that we have reached this impasse on 1019. I will say again that I think there were many desirable aspects of the amendment that was offered by Senator Wesely. I brought the bracket motion purely out of a consideration for the time that we have remaining for the body. And I do hope that, as Senator Wesely noted, that we will restrain ourselves somewhat as we finish out the day's work. If we have...I think, to be consistent, I would certainly support any future bracket motions where we attempted to bring in items as we're now addressing for 1019. We do need to have some discipline so we can get to the main items on our agenda if we are to have any hope at all of doing that. So, with that, I withdraw the bracket motion on 1019.