

will see what happens on the bracket motion. I have every intention of reintroducing the Wesely amendment and I will see how you treat this amendment at that point. And then I will decide what I will do from then on. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. You've heard the closing on the motion to bracket. We'll now vote on the bracket motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted on the motion to bracket? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to bracket.

SPEAKER BAACK: The motion fails. We will continue on with...we are still on AM4140 as introduced by Senator Hall. And the speaking order is, Senator Byars, you're the first speaker on the amendment by Senator Hall. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I wrote this speech some time ago and I didn't want to give it but I'm going to give it now. I don't often do that but I'm going to take the time. I'm going to say some things that will insult and offend and anger most of you and it will make myself a little angry also. I want you to listen carefully because I hope that through your angry you will see some truth in what I say. Believe me, I indict myself more than other members of this Legislature. I'm here to condemn the process which we have allowed to develop in the Nebraska Unicameral. For lack of a better term, I call it the automation of the system of the Legislature. Once upon a time this body was called a deliberative body. Simply put, ideas were placed in front of the 49 members for examination, consideration, analysis and debate. In some cases, the net product was passage of the law for one and a half million Nebraskans, new policy to live by. Today I sadly conclude that this body is no longer a deliberative body. We are truly an automated system for rubber stamping hundreds of special interest agreements arranged by lobbyists, bureaucrats and others, almost completely independent of true deliberative action by this body. We're no longer the tail wagging...the dog wagging the tail but rather the sickly tail being wagged by others. We even devised an automatic system for rapidly processing or rubber stamping agreements reached by other special interest groups. Our consent calendar, as I indicated before is a standard part of the process. Major issues, one after another, are swept into law with little or no