

to come back to us or finding out about it a year from now when there's complaints. And I will tell you, ladies and gentlemen, in this case specifically, it's a classic example of where individuals have benefits that are due to them, and if there's going to be rules and regs put in place that could possibly deny an individual those unemployment benefits because they haven't jumped through the hoop of possibly going to a reemployment service, I'm thinking of an individual who might be put out of a job at sixty. They have no desire, they have a trade that they've worked at all their life, they have no desire to go to...they've worked hard all their life, through no fault of their own they're out of work. They're due those unemployment benefits. They don't want to receive them but they have no choice. And then to say in order to get those you've got to go take a type of training that they're absolutely not suited for, they have no desire to participate in, but it's a hoop that they have to jump through. And that's what this looks like to me. Now maybe the department will prove me wrong and maybe the criteria will be clear and we won't have a problem. Maybe it happens only to folks who have been unemployed two, three or four times. I don't know what that criteria is going to be, neither do you, but I guarantee you, when you hear about it from constituents who have been denied and say this is just something else that government makes me jump through another hoop I have to jump through before I receive something that I'm due, then I guess we'll be back here trying to change the statute and say no to the department, you shouldn't do that. That's not what was meant and, by the way, we would have been able to do this and still comply with the federal statute a year ago. I think it makes good sense for us to ask questions up front from the departments when they're incorporating rules and regs, implementing provisions in statute and making policy that doesn't always match what we pass here on the floor. The move to bracket the bill is merely that so we have some time to make that decision in an educated manner and possibly incorporate that criteria into the bill. I would hope that you would support it and that we could move on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Abboud, do you wish to speak to the motion to bracket?

SENATOR ABBODD: Madam President, colleagues, I also share Senator Hall's frustration. This is...it's a problem when you have the federal government telling us what to do and it's a problem when they say you have to provide specific rules to