

SENATOR WESELY: ...to make the decision because then I think there would be more accountability that if there was a mistake if something happened, and something bad resulted from it, you knew who to blame and it wasn't somebody else, it was clearly the Governor. And it wasn't intended for this Governor, it was...we thought this was going to be an ongoing proposal and that we needed to make that clear. So it was an attempt to get accountability in there because there wasn't really much other accountability in the bill. The only thought we had was that it's the electoral process that would provide for that and the only person that would be up for election in the administration would be the Governor, so that was the only thinking on that. But again, I think there's some reasons to maybe take a little more time with the bill and target it better and I would recommend approval of the bracket.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Beutler, to speak to the motion to bracket.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, as I was thinking, Senator Wesely says the bill does have a soul. It has a soul, but it has no guts and that's precisely the problem with the bill. There's nothing inside this shell, this skin, except a Governor. And it seems to me that if you look at the problem, one of the major problems with many of these things it seems to me is that the words economic development are undefined and can be very broadly understood and I would ask you a few questions, Senator Engel, just to see what your understanding of this might be. But if I wanted to request from the Governor, being a friend of the Governor from some particular area of the state, that he fund a recreational trail in my area for the purpose of attracting tourists and tourist development in my area of the state, would that be an allowable expenditure under this particular provision of the bill?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Although it's not defined in the bill, Senator Beutler, that is not my concept. My concept of this bill is to provide jobs, new jobs, good paying jobs with benefits.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well along this recreational trail there would be somebody to maintain the trail as well as tourists coming in to spend their money. Isn't that economic development?