

there is a lot of discretion there to where those dollars go, and a lot more dollars than what we are talking about here. No one seems to care where those dollars are going. No one seems to do a tracking on whether those dollars are being spread appropriately across the state, but I understand the new scrutiny that goes along with a new program. So I don't think we are breaking any new ground with 425, and I hope we are eventually able to put the legislation into a form...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...that a majority of the members can put forth. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Members of the body, Madam President, I want to make some remarks on two different issues; one of them deals with a comment Senator Chambers made previous to this that is somewhat extraneous to this debate, but I do want to respond to it, in case people were, on the outside were listening, and were taking what he had to say too much to heart. The first comment, though, is I think every speaker has certain speeches that that speaker is expected to give at least once or twice a session. Speakers are supposed to admonish colleagues for not getting to the floor on time. They are supposed to admonish colleagues for not staying on the floor and getting votes done. There are a number of set speeches that Speakers are supposed to give. I think even occasionally Senator Barrett and Senator Nichol used to give the speech praising their colleagues for the fine job they'd done on a given day. I haven't done too much of that yet, but there are certain speeches Speakers are supposed to give. And I am about to give one of those, and it is one, having kind of given a little lighthearted introduction to what I am going to say, I do want you to take seriously. I do not object to the bracketing motion on this bill if it is going to result in saving time on the floor of the Legislature. If it is simply taking an issue that is difficult today to deal with, putting it aside, and bringing it back and having this same discussion the next time the bill is up, then we ought not to be bracketing it. I would point to your attention we've had two bills on General File today, both of them have been bracketed. LB 168 is, obviously, a difficult bill. LB 425 is becoming a difficult bill. When you look down the list, other than LB 189, which is my bill, which is, I am sure, highly noncontroversial,