

most of the rest of these on General File are, in fact, pretty significantly controversial pieces of legislation. I urge you to get these problems worked out ahead of time. People knew 425 was coming up. People knew they had concerns with it. They should have been dealing with those ahead of time. If we are going to see some success by bracketing this, I will vote to do that. But I do not want people to get in the habit of every time three people stand up with questions and objections to a bill, thinking they need to bracket their bill, because we simply then are pushing the controversy on down the road, and we are going to ball things up toward the mid to late part of the session. These are not easy bills on General File, senator priority bills. They are not supposed to be. They are supposed to be significant policy decisions about which reasonable people will differ. So I admonish you not so much on this motion, but on future motions to bracket. The second thing I want to do, and I punched my light right away when Senator Chambers was commenting on the procedure yesterday, and I know we are used to certain members of the body, including Senator Chambers, and I do it on occasion, a lot of us do that, from time to time standing and making charges, and we don't always necessarily feel a need to respond to them. This one, because it dealt with scheduling decisions that are made, Senator Chambers, I want you to know, the rest of the colleagues to know, there was no conversation with anyone in the Governor's Office about the scheduling of the bill yesterday. I know you can wave it off, but what you said was that's the reason it was on because the Governor is going back to a meeting, and that the Governor held us hostage. The Governor had nothing to do with that scheduling. My rationale in not moving to adjourn at a more reasonable time was we spent three days on that resolution. Quite frankly, that was enough on a resolution that was not a priority measure. It needed to be decided yesterday and gotten out of its way. I was perfectly prepared, I was perfectly prepared, very seriously, I was perfectly prepared, even though I was the cosponsor of it, if our numbers had dwindled late enough in the day that we weren't going to have 25 votes to do it, to live with the will of the body.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I just want people to know that there was no...what we did yesterday was a decision that I made to expedite our work in here, and had nothing to do with any request made by the Governor's Office. I wanted to clarify