

that. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Witek, your light is next.

SENATOR WITEK: I rise in opposition to the bracket motion. I would like to discuss this bill. I see no reason not to. Every thing Senator Chambers and Senator Beutler and Senator Wesely have said is true. The Governor, and, Senator Maurstad, I am sorry. I was on the phone here so I am sure it was true. The Governor is the final authority in this bill. It is broad, broadly written. It is wide-open. It is \$6 million of wide-open money at the Governor's discretion. That is exactly what was discussed at the committee. Senator Wesely was there. This is exactly what was discussed in our Executive Session at the committee hearing. There was some discussion when Maxine Moul was there and her group from DED, and they talked about using this for SEED money for small businesses in western Nebraska, and being able to distribute this, and having the Governor, and then when we read through the bill, it was completely different than what the hearing had gone. Really, it was...it was nothin, like what the hearing had gone, so we, at first, tried to reconcile, through the committee amendments and the discussion, trying to make the bill look more like what the hearing had gone, but what we came down to was, basically, it was a fund that the Governor had at his discretion when going to a bargaining table, so to speak, and talking about bringing in businesses into the State of Nebraska, that he would have \$3 million at his discretion to be able to say to those businesses, this is what we in the State of Nebraska can do for you, if you need this done, whether it was jobs, job training. We are talking about welfare reform and we are talking about job training as a portion of that welfare reform. To me this is something that would coincide with that thinking of needing more job training, and having companies coming in that we don't have the skilled labor for at that time, and then saying, well, we will help you pay for the cost of training our labor. And the Governor Nelson being, oh, any Governor, being able to say here is some money to do so, here is an added incentive to do so. So what the hearing was about was one thing, and what the bill was about was another. So when we got to talking more about the bill, I wanted it to be at the Governor's discretion, which is exactly what the bill was. I wanted it to have one final person who, while sitting at a table talking about a company coming to the State of Nebraska, didn't have to run back to us, and we had