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LB 425, 425A

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: They don't wait on...okay, I misspoke. They would, in essence, be bracketed on Final Reading. Would that be accurate, in essence?

SPEAKER WITHEM: That is accurate.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, I should have said Final. I am sorry. But, anyway, it deserves another point of debate. and then it will sit and wait its turn on Final Reading, is that accurate?

SPEAKER WITHEM: That is correct.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in opposition to the bracket motion and I venture into this territory very carefully. I certainly don't want to cross swords with the strategy wizards of the floor of the Legislature, but it seems like to me that we need to move this bill forward. Also take this opportunity to speak in opposition to the Bernard-Stevens amendment to the amendment reducing the amount from 3 million to 500,000 dollars. Once again, it appears to me that we can leave in the intent language that is in LB 425 to...that it's the intent at this point to fund this for \$3 million. If the bill generates enough support on the floor of the Legislature and is adopted and the funds aren't there later, as I understand the process, and I'm sure I will be corrected if I don't, that we can amend the LB 425A or the appropriations bill that goes along with this to whatever the proper amount, proper dollars that might be available, if at all. As I understand it, there are bills that pass, the A bills don't get funded. So I think at this point, I would like to emphasize that I think that we need to stay with the \$3 million, not reduce it, as the Bernard-Stevens amendment would do, and then, also, speak in opposition to the bracket motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. We're going to take a small break here and announce that there are 40 junior and senior high school students in the north balcony from Kearney High School with their teachers. They are down here for an activity known as Kristensen's Day at the Capitol. I'd like to welcome all of you. Senator Vrtiska.