

option, and it's the likely option that's going to exist. And then finally there are things in the general appropriation bill that I feel very good about, very supportive of, and, frankly, I don't want to jeopardize them. The only way I keep from jeopardizing them is not to put more pressure for more vetoes on more things by passing more bills on Final Reading. So I'm going to be supportive of the bracket, and I suspect it's going to be a process that we may apply to a number of items. I'm not particularly interested in bracketing a bill as a back way to indefinitely postpone it, if I don't like it, I'd just as soon kill it. But if it's good legislation and it has merit but doesn't fit in the budget, I'd rather that we made the choice while we can make the choice than send them all over to Final Reading, and allow the office of Governor to make the choice and then your choices are all gone.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Wehrbein, your light is next to speak to the motion to bracket.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'm not going to speak directly to the bracket. I have mixed emotions about the bracket. I think there's some reasonable things in this, but once again it is getting time to make that decision, and this is probably one of those appropriate ones that at least if you...if it shouldn't be killed, it could be carried over. I really wanted to clarify the issue on the bracket as far as the status. And what it really means is this will come off the sheet via simply the word "bracket" will be written in across 425 in the status...it will come off of the status at all. It isn't in the status, but it is part of that green sheet that you'll see that says that 3 million is in brackets. And there was some confusion in discussion of this. The bracket will...the word "bracket" will be written in there and it will be zero so that it is no longer something that is being actively considered, that is if the bracket would succeed, I want to clarify that. If the bracket motion succeeds, then the status on the green sheet will show the word "bracket", and those 3 million in each year will simply amount to zero and it will not be...it will not be an active consideration for this year's budget is the intent to show. It will really not impact the status because the status right now is not affected by this because these are all potential bills either to add or subtract to the budget as it shows on the green sheet, and that's what I'm talking about, those on the Select File and those that are actively being considered.