

in this area, but it makes the tough fiscal decisions now which we have to make. And who knows, maybe next year we'll even be in a worse situation and not only will this bill not be able to go next year, but other bills won't either. We'll just have to wait and see how that goes. But this is the beginning of the tough decisions. Not only this year, but again, as I've argued earlier, when the federal government begins, assuming they are going to try to balance the budget, we're just seeing the scratch of the tip of the iceberg in regards to the challenges of funding and the tough decisions we're going to have. And I would urge support at this time for this tough decision and urge support of the Beutler bracket motion.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Engel, your light is next.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, of course, I'm still opposed to the bracket motion. I think we've spent many, many, many hours on the floor and off the floor refining this particular bill. I think postponing it till next year, I don't know how we could spend anymore time refining it because we've got it refined...it's just like, I'd like to allude to another little analogy, when I first brought this bill up, about my solo flight, my first flight in a little airplane, and I think Senator Chambers recalls that. And we finally come down before I ran out of fuel. Well, we refueled and one thing...and Senator Bernard-Stevens and the other people who have flown before, remember that when you get to altitude, in the smaller airplane anyhow, you lean out the fuel mixture so you get the most efficient...efficiency out of the engine so you can go a little longer. Well, that's what we've done with this bill, we've "leaned" it up. We've got it running very smoothly and if we pull out...pull it out anymore, lean it up anymore I know what's going to happen, we're going to come down, which is what you're trying to do right now. So in...I really like to have your support in not bracketing the bill. And I would like to mention Cap Dierks mentioned about freeing up some monies there that he's going to bracket his own bill. Now in the appropriations, in the trailer bill we had \$400,000 in there for international trade, and we had a million dollars in there for the Nebraska Benefits Campaign, which will not be a part of the budget, that was killed the other day. So that fills about a million and a half of the gap, \$1,400,000, to be exact, Senator Chambers. So what I'm willing to do, what I'm willing to do rather than see this bracket and get this bill passed and so