

that we can get on to some more legislation, there's a lot of senators here have priority bills that they haven't been up because of the delays, I'm willing to bring this down to a million and a half dollars each year to a total of \$3 million over the biennium, because I do believe, as Senator Hillman said, we definitely need this bill. So again I plead that you vote no on the bracket. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Robinson (sic). Senator Pedersen, your light is next. Excuse me, Senator Engel. Senator Pedersen, your light is next.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't usually talk on the revenue bills or on the finances. I listen very carefully and do what I...make them decisions. And Senator Bernard-Stevens just said we're to the point where we have to make them close-cut decisions and in this case I'm not going to support the bracket motion. I really believe that we spend money like a bunch of drunken sailors down here from time to time, and we go around and round. But where does this money come from? It comes from the taxpayers. Where do the taxpayers make their money? From jobs. And we need to start promoting some jobs in this state. We have 2,700 prisoners in the State of Nebraska and none of them work. If we had jobs out there, they could pay for their own way and have another way of learning to get along better after they get out of prison. I really think that this bill is a decent bill and we've got to have jobs in order to pay for any of that other stuff. We need to promote jobs and that's what this bill does. As I've listened to both sides, I know it costs money, but what is that old saying, it costs money to make money. You know, you've got to spend money to do it. My decision is going to be not to support this bracket and to support the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Robinson, your light is next.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I stand to oppose the bracket motion. I was just...I just wrote down some of the small companies that I have in my district. There's the Burt County plane dealer that has a paper that goes all around the State of Nebraska. There's Wilkinson Manufacturing in Ft. Calhoun, there's the Mid-America Computer Company in Blair, Concrete Equipment Company in Blair, a little company called Cargill that just started up in Blair, there's the Ag-Bag