

really want. I see nothing wrong, it's always happened. I suspect for 100 years the Governor has the final say on many of these cuts via the veto. And if the Legislature is going to lay out its menu for the Governor to look at, we have many times no options to lay other things out because in essence...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...he has the final say.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Withem, your light is next.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. President, members of the body, thank you for the opportunity to speak. I will not be voting for the bracket motion, and as a matter of fact I'll try not to raise my voice but use some fairly harsh language here. I believe it would be irresponsible of the body to bracket. Let me point out some inconsistencies that we might have here. Number one, we do have a rule in our rule book that indicates that this bill is supposed to be passed by the 80th day. That would mean it would need to advance today. It would mean we would need to lay over on the 79th day. It would mean that we would have to vote for it on Final Reading on the 80th day to comply with our own rules. Many of you know that one of the items in the Republican Party Contract with America was that bodies needed...the Congress needs to begin living up to the rules and laws that they expect other people to live up to. I would suggest at least on this bill, which carries the most spending, we ought to live up to our own rules, that's point number one. Point number two is, we are in a logjam, as we always are at the end of the session, we usually work our way out of it. But one of the things that we need to do, I think, as far as managing the agenda, to make sure we get to and give everybody a fair opportunity to get to their individual priority bills, this bill really needs to move today, it really needs to move today to do that. And that's fine. I mean the members obviously can make their mind and indicate that each...that the individual priority bills aren't as important as this move is. But rest...keep in mind that by voting to bracket this bill, in effect, you're doing that, you're putting off a major issue and you're not getting this major issue out of the way. And a lot of these bills, a lot of these bills on General File just aren't going to make it. Some of the bills on Select File might even have difficulties. If we move this decision on this bill off, I