

CLERK: Senator Chambers has a priority motion, Madam President. He would move to bracket LB 391 until June 1st, I assume, cf 1995, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Clerk, thank you. Madam President and members of the Legislature, I had to speak on this issue, and they may call the question or something before I have the opportunity to do it. That project should stay in Omaha. There is no logical reason to take it away. And I'm going to say something that's going to be a little upsetting to my rural colleagues. When we talk about housing problems, inadequate housing for black people and other poor people in Omaha, I have never heard anybody on this floor or from any white community say we've got space, bring them here. We're not welcome to live there, but as an economic development project, they say bring us a prison where there will be a lot of black youngsters and that's all right in our community because we'll make money off their misery. So I am offended and I'm offended not only at that attitude of those who say let us make money off this prison and the misery of these black youngsters. But I'm offended that the state officials are trying to put it on Omaha and Douglas County to find a site. This is a state project. The mandate was given by the Legislature to put it in the Omaha area and those state officials had better get on the stick. When the session is over and I have more time, they're going to hear from me and I will tie issues together. If they don't do the right thing on this, they're going to have problems from me on projects that they want to come through this Legislature next session. And I don't make threats idly. I spend my time searching and finding those issues that will mean the most to the administration and I will tie them up, and if it means that others' legislation will have to be tied up so that I can get back at them and that's what I'll be doing, that's what has to happen. It is ridiculous to say that if the Mayor doesn't go out and find a site, no site can be found. If he offers a 3 million dollar site on a flood plain, that has to be accepted. That is what is crazy. That is irresponsible and it is not going to happen if I can do anything to stop it. And if this bill is to be used for that purpose, then I will do all I can to tie this bill up. Maybe it doesn't have to pass, maybe it does, but it can give us the opportunity to take a lot of time to discuss this that we're talking about and related issues, and when I say related issues, I'm talking about the lack and absence of equality, fair opportunity, deficient education, lack