

pulling bills back from Final Reading and having debate. So I don't think that's a good argument either. The reason I am supporting moving this over to Select File is because the introducer of the bill, who is not here today, had advocated that we do that, and his reasoning I think is sound. He is hoping that everybody will come to the table and work on this this summer. If this just sits here stagnating here on General File, I think that he feels it will not be as much of an indication that we would like to do something about this, and that we would like to work on it this summer. So for that very reason, I oppose the bracket motion and would encourage you to do the same. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Hall, and members of the body. Senator Schimek, I will be very serious on this response. What Senator Preister said yesterday in the debate wasn't that...and it is not that I object because I don't know what amendments are coming up. You are absolutely right, we don't ever know what amendments are going to be there. What I heard, and very clearly, was that the interim study was going to take place, and there was going to be a potential rewrite of the bill. I want to see what the rewrite of the bill is because I do represent North Platte, because I do have the largest railroad yard, you know, in the country, and actually in the world. That's...we are going to have some of the most important traffic and numbers of traffic going through that I-80 corridor by interstate and railroad, I want to know and my constituents want to know what is in that bill prior to passage of the bill because it is that important to us. We want...it is that important on safety. What happens on a derailment, what happens, you know, on all of these things, what happens to the cost of the...who pays for that in the beginning? Is it going to be reimbursed. What is the liability to the city, the community, or to a railroad, or to the shipper? We want to know those things, and I don't want to have just one round of debate on that. We need to have two rounds of debate, if there is a problem, we need to have two rounds of debate. If there is no problem, everything is fine, then it will move very quickly, but I don't want to take an issue that really is important to our area and really to anyone who has the transportation mode and just move it along and say we'll wait and see what the interim studies come up with. I really would like to have two rounds.