

thus, we submitted an interim study to further get information on that issue. I don't think that at this point we need to say we are going to bracket this bill and we are going to give it less emphasis and less importance by that vote. I think we need to send the message that, yes, this is an important issue, a very important issue, one that we can't just ignore, one that we are giving enough emphasis to to advance this bill to Select File, and at that point, it will be here for debate during the next session, and over the interim, we will give even more additional opportunity to all concerned and all interested parties, including senators, who have been invited in the past to the hearings and the briefings and who will continue to be invited. I appreciate the support of those who have supported the bill, the concept of the bill, and the importance of bringing all information to light. I don't know that this bill is going to be completely rewritten. I think there may be some adjustments to it. I think clarification of what is already there is more what we are going to be doing than a complete rewrite of the bill, as Senator David Bernard-Stevens has said that he thinks may be done. I think that we can, with the agreement of those one or two...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...or perhaps three senators, only, who are holding back the bill right now, and David Bernard-Stevens seems to be one of the leaders of holding this bill back. With that, I would ask that the bracket motion be defeated. I would ask your patience on this. This is my priority bill because I, personally, place great priority and emphasis on it, and as a priority bill, I don't ask that you just give me consideration for that, but I ask that you give great importance and credence to the issue that we have before us, and not bracket it at this time, but know that once it has been move on and that I will not be attempting to debate the actual merits of the bill following the discussion that we have now, but will certainly allow it to, if it is advanced, if it is the will of the body to advance it, to leave it sit there, to let it sit there, and to then go on with other important matters of state. Thank you all very much for your indulgence.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Matzke, your light is next on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I