

of the body. This is not...this bracket motion has nothing to do with the technical merits or "dismerits" of LB 750. I did not get involved in any of the debate yesterday on 750, as it's dealing with the statute of repose or anything else. I have not done anything to hurt the bill. I have not offered any amendments to hurt the bill. If that is being the leader of the opposition, then so be it. In fact, when I attended the meetings that Senator Preister has had, when my staff has gone, we have been very supportive of, at least in concept, of what he is trying to do. This is not about any of that. If this bracket motion is not agreed to, we will have extensive debate today on the bill, as there should be. We would then, if the body wanted to, they'd pass it to Select File, and then next year, they plan on taking it up, which means that if we are done in May next year, it would take effect, if it didn't have the emergency clause, on August 1st. If we bracket it today, we'd save the discussion until next year when we know what the interim report is going to say, when we know what the bill, the initial rewrite is going to say, and, guess what? It still would take effect, if there is no emergency clause, on August 1st. So the effective date of the bill is going to be the same whether we advance it today to Select File, and hold it over, or we wait until next year and it passes. So this debate isn't over whether 750 will pass. We will make that decision, either way, next year. What I am trying to get to the body to do is to say how many rounds of debate would you like to have next year, and I think it needs two. I talked about the low-level, this is also the high-powered stuff. This is the big stuff, the high-level stuff, that will be going from eastern Nebraska to God only knows where, in what desert somewhere, and from other states going through our state as well. We can't afford, Senator Preister says, we will send the wrong message if we keep the bill here. I think we will send the right message. We are saying this high-level stuff is dangerous. It can really affect a community big time, and we want to make sure that we have two rounds of debate that we do it right the first time, particularly since, no matter what we do today on the bracket motion, it will not take effect until the same day, August 2nd, whether we bracket it or not. This stuff is potent stuff. I don't know what the interim study is going to say. I don't know how they are going to rewrite the bill. I would like to know that and have more than just one round of debate. If it comes back, as Senator Preister says, there is very little changes, it's all technical, then we will work on the areas that Senator Matzke was talking about, the portions of the bill that actually