

law, it goes beyond. So even if we're going to let the federal government slap us down and compel us to do things, why go beyond what they're requiring us to do? So what I would envision, and maybe the ones who want to talk about this are not interested in that approach, I would be in favor of crafting as narrow a requirement as possible and I would still vote against it. I'm opposed to it. And if you want to defeat the motion to bracket, I was telling Senator Stuhr my belief was that we're supposed to be here until midnight tonight, and I'm prepared to stay here until midnight, so you can defeat the bracket motion, I'll be here until the end. I was going to ask Senator Wickersham a question, but I guess he's gone. So at least I'm not the kind who throws a rock and then runs. Maybe he had something else to do. But I was going to show Senator Wickersham an amendment I've already drafted, calling for alternative educational placement. So when I raised my hand it wasn't in jest, I'm serious, and I will push for everything that I think ought to be in this thing if you suspend the rules, strip out what's in LB 658 and put in any version of what Senator Bohlke is offering. I'm not trying to be disingenuous, I'm not trying to pull the wool over anybody's eyes, and I assure you I will be here until the last person goes home. As the old saying goes, I can be the one to turn out the lights. I will be here. I am always here until the end. And, in fact, it's my being here that usually makes the end bitter, but I definitely intend to stay here. Nine days we have left. What are nine days? Senator Fisher, you've heard the expression, old military expression, you could stand on your head and stack BBs in a corner for nine days. Well, you know, figure of speech. (Laughter.) Maybe not. But I am prepared to stay here, and if you want to work our way through it line by line, provision by provision, I am prepared to do that, and I have filed some amendments, I think, already to the amendment that Senator Bohlke is offering, but it might be a mistake to do that. Why should I always weaken and take some piece of legislation that I don't like at all...

SENATOR HALL: One minute

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and try to improve it? But in order to keep us here for a long, long time then I've got to offer some amendments. But remember, they don't have to be valid amendments, so I could pull all those that I have up there and just show you what I can do to keep us here for a long, long time, Senator Fisher, and I'll bet you'll go home before I will.