

agreed with them. And what I said was at that time there comes a time in this body where you move on and that's maybe one of the big differences between the body when I first came in and how things are now. When I first came in the body people fought pretty hard over their issues. They made their points. They submitted it to the membership, the membership voted. The membership voted, we moved on to the next issue and we had a different coalition of people. A majority might win, a minority would lose, the minority moved on to the next issue. Maybe the hallmark of this Legislature and the previous Legislature is we don't tend to do that anymore. We tend to get bruised egos, we tend to feel like our position was right and people just weren't listening to us and we continue on and we continue on and we continue on. LB 860, under an ideal world, I don't know as it would have been the best way to write the bill. It wasn't Senator Robinson's first choice either. What we did is we had some disagreements over it. We sat down, we worked together, we came up with a consensus between the 2 of us, we submitted it to the body, 36 members endorsed that on Select File. Today people have revisited, and that's fine. We're supposed to revisit issues, that's what three stages of debate are for. But I don't know what more of a clear sampling of the majority will of the body we need here today. There have been about a dozen senators who don't like the bill. They have attempted to bracket it, they got about 12 to 14 votes. They've attempted to amend it which, by the way, I don't know if that point has been made, an amendment is the same as a bracket motion because if the bill gets amended it's laid over to next year. So in essence, procedurally, even though we're dealing with other issues, we're dealing with the same end results, we're attempting to bracket the bill. And we keep running amendments up and we keep running amendments, we keep running amendments up. Probably as the history is written of this Legislature and maybe the last one, will be that it's the time when we no longer sense the will of the majority of the body and move forward. I find it ironic that the introducer of this amendment is also the introducer...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...and principal proponent of the dilatory motion amendment that is in the rules that we had a lot of fights over during the first few days of the session, which has not been used at all this session. And here we are on what may be one of the very last bills we address this session, continuing to put up motion after motion after motion where the