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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, I rise in support of the bracket motion but for every possible reason other than those expressed by Senator Witek. The...and, Senator Witek, I've not had an opportunity to read the Attorney General's Opinion that you're speaking of and I've requested a copy of it and it's coming, but I did read one that was drafted on June 7 that dealt with the issue of the duration of a legislative day, and if the one that you're speaking of is as close to accurate as the one that they wrote on this issue, I guess I don't have to read it because I know that it will be clearly off the mark. I note in the Attorney General's Opinion when he speaks to the issue of how long we can go, whether or not we can pass beyond the strike of twelve midnight for purposes of a legislative day, he talks about how the Nebraska Supreme Court strictly construes time deadlines and he references Whelan v. Beermann and this is the issue if you remember with regard to the constitutional amendments that were taken off the ballot and it was because I had supposedly missed a deadline, not hitting the 90-day deadline. But it says here that the court ordered the Secretary of State to remove four duly proposed constitutional amendments from the November 8, 1994 general election ballot, and I read that and I said, God, by my memory there was five. I mean, and then I called my office and I said, Janice, weren't there five issues out there? I remember the meditation one, I remember the tax equity issue, I remember the crime victims, I remember off-track betting which happened to be mine and I remember the Final Reading proposal. There was five of them. Now, I may not be able to get a...count to 90, but at least the AG's office can't even count to five. So I mean if that says anything with regard to the type of opinions that we're getting out of that office, it wasn't all that long ago that we had to deal with that, but clearly, and I guess the fact that they defended me was part of my problem as well. But the issue here is clearly one of do you support 371 or not with regard to the bracket motion? I mean the argument that's being put forth at the eleventh hour with regard to 570 or excuse me, 507, is nonsense and I would argue that if you're