

for consideration by this body. Now Senator Bohlke noted that one of the issues to be considered in the Education Committee is the income tax rebate. One of the...several of the amendments that are pending to this bill, including the committee amendments, address the income tax rebate. In fact, one of them, in fact, the committee amendment is a bill that I introduced last year, so I want you to all understand that I have a very specific interest in this issue, and it is my recommendation, as well, that we bracket this bill for consideration at a somewhat later date. I wish that we did, indeed, have the time today for a full consideration of these issues. This issue will, undoubtedly, come before you, hopefully in a format when we can have a full discussion and a resolution of the issues. But I agree with Senator Bohlke that that cannot be done today.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members of the body. Et tu, Brute, Senator Bohlke. I think maybe you should have this yellow on instead of I, but then you...it's sort of on the banana color. I oppose the bracket motion. This is also my priority bill. I, as you know, will lose my spot on the agenda if this is bracketed, perhaps never to be heard again. Our coalition has worked very hard for this bill. It's all worked out, ready to go. It's a simple matter of voting it up or down. If you don't like the amendments, we've had amendments on other bills before. I don't see that eleven-thirty-five or eleven-thirty-nine has anything to do with bracketing this bill. It remains the...if you like a bill, if you like the amendments, vote them up one way or the other, listen to this bill. Just a few weeks ago, right on this very floor, Senator Bohlke stood there where Pat O'Donnell is standing right now, as Chairman of the Education Committee, when we did our whole day on property tax relief and it was mentioned that Senator Robak had LB 349 right out there, so 349 is out here, it is right here today, it's ready to be discussed. My staff and myself and other people's staffs have worked on this bill, last year, all summer and all months...all week and Sunday, all day Sunday, they worked on this bill. I was never called in, never called in with Senator Bohlke to discuss this. All of sudden we're putting a bracket motion on this bill, for what reason? Because she wants her bill up before my bill. If you want your bill up, use your priority method, like the Speaker has the right to put