

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers has moved to bracket the bill until February 6.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers, to open on your bracket motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President, I had, as I said a minute ago, I had to offer a motion that allows me to take charge of this discussion. I am too far down on the list, and it is one of those issues that is serious enough for us to discuss, and I think we should have a full-blown discussion. Senator Jensen and I had talked about this and agreed that because it is a matter of great public interest and concern, there should not be an attempt to hasten the discussion to an end, but I have to assert myself on this issue, as I do on certain others, and I want to get some things into the record again. Among the lobbyists out there, who I said have the sweaty and palms and runny noses pressed against the windowpane, are individuals with whom I discuss various issues, but they are not in lobbying for any reason other than to make money. You senators who are changing your position, why did you change your position? What did the lobbyists offer you? How did they threaten you? How did they persuade you to change your mind in order to get them the opportunity, as they will say, to keep the bill alive and move it to Select File. I don't know who is paying them, but they are certainly not being paid by the American Legion Club, that Senator Hilgert talked about. They are certainly not being paid by these people trotting around the streets saying this issue really involves the right of people to vote, which is not the underlying issue. They are paid by big gambling interests. Do you all have any idea that these machines with which people gamble don't just spring into existence? There is no spontaneous generation of these machines. They are manufactured. Do you realize that there are hundreds of millions of dollars involved in these machines? Do you think that there are people who produce these machines who are not willing to pay the high-powered lobbyists in Nebraska and every other state to get gambling activities going so that they can sell their machines? Those who write the programs for these slot machines, you think they don't get paid. Or did you all think that because they say these machines operate at random that means that they are absolutely random? No, they are programmed. There is a program in these machines. You don't know what it is. I don't know what it is. All of the equipment