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which is...with capping the rebate. I prefer Senator Wickersham's over the committee percentage to cap the rebate, but in light of the fact that we really don't need this bill, I don't know why we thought we needed this bill, and Senator Wickersham brought up some interesting points about the Omaha school system that's in a different tier, and how many millions of dollars that affected. It's not fair. And that isn't touched in this bill. I mean we have...this is a comprehensive mess of nothing. It doesn't really accomplish anything but confuse everybody a little bit more, and that's the reason I think we should bracket this until February 14, 1997. By that time we'll have some idea of where we're headed and then we can take this measure up in a good faith attempt to work it out with all those concerns, people, which wasn't done, I don't think, this year. But we'll work it out somehow, and that's the reason for my bracket motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Bromm, to speak to the bracket motion.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. And, of course, when I put my light on I thought I would be speaking about the amendment. But since it's my turn, I will speak about the bracket. And I think February 14th of next year might be a little bit too long, but I think the point Senator Robak is making, in terms of needing a little time to sort this out and understand all of the issues and how they're going to interrelate is a good one. And knowing how it's going to relate to the property tax, I think that is a very, very good point. Of course this is just General File and we'll have a couple more opportunities on this bill. But there are more questions that seem to be popping up than there are answers. And I'm going to maybe take this opportunity, if I could, to ask...well, I think Senator Beutler is here, if I could ask him a question or two.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Beutler, I was interested and I don't understand it very well, but I was interested in your bill which changes the tier system slightly that Senator Wickersham referred to a while ago. And I guess I've never understood for sure the philosophy behind some of the tiers that we have. And could you tell me, does your bill change the tier system as it applies to Omaha and Lincoln only? Or what is your proposal?