

I didn't say April 1st, which would be April Fool's Day. I didn't do that, although the symbolism might be very appropriate.

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't believe a person on this floor can stand and rebut what I've said. You can't deny that you scoffed at what I said about us creating a crisis with reference to incarceration so it would force us to look at alternative programs and weigh the impact of what we're spending this money for. You laughed at that, but now that's the very principle you're adopting in going after the political subdivisions. You ought to adopt this motion. Then you can go on to some of these other bills and argue about them. But it will give us time to collect our thoughts and do something which is more consistent with what we did with reference to how we appropriate money for the programs we decide are important.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on Senator Chambers' bracket motion. There are a number of lights that are left on from the Maurstad amendment debate. I'm going to inquire one by one and I'm going to knock them off and ask you to put your lights back on if you wish to discuss further. Senator Cudaback on the bracket motion. Senator Brashear. Senator Vrtiska. Senator Jones on the bracket motion. Don't see Senator Jones. Senator McKenzie on the bracket motion. Don't see Senator McKenzie. Senator Kristensen on the bracket motion. Senator Hillman on the motion to bracket. Senator Withem on the motion to bracket. Senator Maurstad on the bracket motion. Senator Warner on the bracket motion. Senator Warner, do you wish to address the bracket motion?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just briefly. I would urge that the body not bracket these bills if the Legislature...unless the Legislature is in a mood not to address the issue at all. Then, obviously, we will save a lot of time if you vote for it now. But I do sincerely believe that there will be ramifications in the form of petitions or other efforts that are inevitable if we just choose to walk away from the issue, so I would hope the body would not vote to do this.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Schellpeper