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**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** ...without a contested order.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you. Before we proceed, Senator Bruning would like to announce the following guests are visiting the Legislature, the Youth Advisory Board from Sarpy County. They are in the north balcony. Would you please rise and be recognized by your Legislature. Mr. Clerk, do you have a motion?

**CLERK:** Mr. President, I do. I have a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to bracket the bill until April 2, 2000.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers on his bracket motion.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm offering this motion because I think what we have in this bill is a very serious breach of confidence between the public and the Legislature, if the Legislature keeps Section 2 in any form in this bill. I am opposed to the Section 2 in the green copy and in the committee amendment. My bracket motion would carry this bill over until next session of the Legislature, at which time if this is still in it, I would try to kill it, or if something is not done in the meantime, I will try to kill it this session. The public is being gouged and poorly handled by the Public Service Commission, by these telecommunications providers. People have all kind of charges and fees on their bills, their phone bills which they don't understand. They are not informed or notified that new fees are going to be attached. This, brothers and sisters, is what's happening while the Public Service Commission has to conduct its nefarious activities in public, in the light of day. So why should we now let them go behind closed doors in secret. We don't know whether these consultants that they are going to be talking to are the handmaidens or "handfellows" of some telecommunications provider. We don't know whom these people will be representing. The Public Service Commission is an elected body. They are supposed to be charged with looking after the interest of the public, and I don't think they've done a good job. And as Jesus said, if this is what they'll do in a green tree, what will they do in a dry. Frankly, brothers and sisters, I don't trust them, and if we have people who are beyond their depth when they get