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Legislature, originally introduced by Senator Byars. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 13, referred to Transportation Committee. The bill has been discussed on two occasions, February 22 and again yesterday, February 24. When the Legislature adjourned for the day, Senator Chambers had pending a motion to bracket the bill until March 30, 1999.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: (Gavel) Thank you. Senator Chambers, you're recognized on your...kind of bring us up to date on your bracket motion, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it won't take long to do that, and I'm not going to use this opportunity to bring us up to date to take a full five minutes or whatever. I offered a motion to bracket this bill until March 30th. In being completely frank with Senator Byars, I let him know that my attempt to bracket the bill is not for the purpose of our trying to sit down and talk because we are not going to reach an accord, unless he agrees to the killing of the bill. My motion to bracket is to get it out of the way pursuant to my ultimate effort to try to kill the bill. So the matter before us right now is a motion to bracket LB 356 until March 30th.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler. Chair recognizes Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. Appreciate the opportunity to come back to you this morning with this issue. We spent a good deal of time on it yesterday. I think we talked statistically about a number of things that I feel are very vital to the safety of the citizens of the state of Nebraska. I came this morning with the willingness to accept Senator Chambers bracket motion if it would give us an opportunity to sit down and discuss the issues that he is concerned about, but Senator Chambers felt he gave me that opportunity yesterday and that I didn't take them, so he is not willing to do so today. He wants to kill the bill. I rise to oppose the bracket because of that reason. I certainly am willing to sit down. Several senators have come to me with what they feel might be taking points or negotiating points relative to this legislation. I am willing to sit down and talk about it, but I'm not willing to