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don't think it would hurt us to hold this bill over until next year. Having said that, Mr. President, I would like to withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bromm would move to bracket the bill until January 15, 2000.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bromm, to open on your motion.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. As I've listened to this debate and I've thought this throughout this session myself, that I am becoming more and more uneasy with the rapidness with which we offer people the opportunity to amend their constitution. Now this may not be the most earth-shaking issue in the world, but it is an amendment to the constitution. And I don't know about anyone else, but I'm not real comfortable with the way that it's worded right now. It may be the best way and it may be a way that I eventually support, but I'm not sure about that. I don't think that I've given it enough thought to know, and I don't think that we have studied the issue and the policy choice that's being offered to us by the form that LR 14CA is in now versus the way it was introduced and the way the public hearing...the way it was...the form it was in when it had a public hearing. Yes, we could let it go to Final Reading and sit there until next year. That's a choice. For my part, with a constitutional amendment, when it goes to Final Reading I'd like to see it in a form that we're pretty darn sure that we want to present it to the voters in. And so I'm offering the choice, and I'm not going to belabor the matter a lot, but I'm offering the body the choice to bracket the bill till the first of next session, which would give us ample opportunity to study the policy choice and decide whether we want to advance it to Final Reading or not. I think we would find that when we have a little bit more time and through the summer and fall that we will have a lot of opportunities to discuss this with our constituents and to think about all of the ramifications of this choice in a little bit more detail. I think it does have ramifications, I really do. I can see...I can see someone running for a particular...running on a particular platform and