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the state level, and who controls it. Because ultimately our responsibility is to get it in and get it out as quickly as possible and make sure that the families, the children, get their money as quickly as possible. And so a piece of me is quite resistant to some of the discussion that has taken place, especially around the issue of who shall be the keeper of the money, because the presumption is the money is that person or that entity's, and it is, in my estimation, the most important thing that we can remember is that that money is the money of the family and the whole purpose of doing this is to have more funds go to families and go their faster. And so I would respond to questions about this amendment because...because I really want to know what the sense...what everyone's sense is about how they would best like to see it handled. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Brown. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: A priority motion, Madam President. Senator Chambers would move to bracket the bill till January 5, in the year 2000.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers, to open on your bracket motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, quoting from former President Lyndon B. Johnson, I come before you this morning with a heavy heart. My spirit is deeply troubled. I read over the weekend or toward the end of the weekend that scientists discovered the largest bacterium known to human beings. It is as large as a period that you would find at the end of a sentence by standard typewriter. They had not believed that a bacterium that large could exist because of the means by which these little critters survive and everything in them is passive. They don't have the means to reach out and obtain food. They just have to sit there and wait till it comes and, after they get nutrients within their little cell, they are unable to move it around as other critters are. So it was felt that, because of these drawbacks, they would always remain as tiny as they are, but it indicated that scientists also make presumptions, jump to conclusions, and make errs of judgment. Nevertheless, the difference between them and many politicians is that when the facts and the evidence will suggest that an