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former owner of the horse said, you never asked me whether it was alive or dead. Folks, we are at 8:30, almost, on the fifty-eighth day. Our horse, quite frankly, can't be ridden much further. The horse is dead. We can chew this issue or we can chew the next issue, but I would bet you money, marbles, and chalk that all we get is sore gums from doing the chewing; that nothing much is going to happen. At some point in time the plug has to be pulled on a session. I think it's time for us to move off of this issue, adopt the bracket motion. If you want to look at something else or adjourn, that's the majority's decision. But, folks, old number 1213 is in fact dead. The money that we've been arguing so much about the last two or three hours was in fact only recently, recently in the time of government, appropriated to provide a little salve for some saddle sores that might be felt out in rural Nebraska in the small schools. We've not had a hearing. We've not had any debate. The people who may even be, in fact, think they're going to need some assistance from the Hardship Fund...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...haven't even had the opportunity to watch it. We're probably even off ETV, I suppose. I don't know that as a fact. It's simply time to bracket this bill, move on to whatever you want to finish yet tonight and wind this session up and say, you know, we've done good work and we have. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Lynch, on the motion to bracket. There's not been sufficient debate, Senator. Senator Brashear, on the motion to bracket. Senator Brashear waives off. Senator Brown, on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the bracket motion. If our process, if the process of arriving at this money was flawed when we were talking about the Wehrbein amendment and not the merits of it but the process, then it's still flawed in the Brashear amendment and it may be more flawed if we keep trying to work on some sort of a deal. It's not like we haven't already spent money. Our...our...for the two years we're at 4.9 percent in