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I always say when a bill is before you with my name on it, it will meet its fate based on what a majority of the members feel. Senator Bruning was a little presumptuous in concluding that because he didn't pay attention to the bill and doesn't know what's in it that nobody paid attention and nobody knows what is in it. There was, contrary to what he suggested, a tremendous amount of discussion on this bill. I didn't try to stop anybody from offering any amendment, or multiple amendments. I never called the question, or seeked...or sought to have the question called. I did nothing to impede full and thorough discussion. I encouraged the members to bring up any issue that they had, ask any question, so that we would know what it is that we are considering. Those who stayed here during those many hours of discussion know what we have in the bill. Being a person interested in the process, I have to ask Senator Bruning a question. Senator Bruning, I would like to ask you a question if you would yield. And he is on his way to his mike, so...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bruning, would you respond?

SENATOR BRUNING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bruning, your bracket motion would...if successful, would bracket the bill until when?

SENATOR BRUNING: Well, since today is the last day of the biennium, later today.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, you can't say later today. Your bracket motion does not give a time. What does your bracket motion say?

SENATOR BRUNING: It says until April 12th.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if your motion is successful, we will take a vote, bracket the bill until today, then go ahead and read it as it is scheduled on the agenda. Isn't that true?

SENATOR BRUNING: If I were to leave the bracket motion in place for a vote, that would be true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, people often stand on this floor...and I read where Senator