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discussion on the issue. We don't need to do this now. If you take a look at the handout, there's plenty of money in this fund. There's no sense in building it up for blue sky that we don't know will or will not be there. So if you have any questions, I'd be glad to try and answer them. I would ask that we not move this bill today, but that we bracket it until January 1, 2004.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the opening on the motion to bracket LB 479 until 1-1-2004. Open for discussion on that motion to bracket. Senator Quandahl, followed by Senators Smith, Beutler, Chambers, Connealy, Stuthman, and Baker. Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. I rise in opposition to this bracket motion. It's too early. We just got done with Final Reading. This bill gets up. We haven't had any substantive discussion on the bill. Me being somewhat of a city boy, I'm not even sure what it's about. But why rob me and why rob the rest of this body of the chance to make a decision on whether or not this bill goes forward? It's too early to make a decision on whether we want to bracket this bill. Let the discussion go on. I rise in opposition to this bracket motion. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. Senator Smith on the bracket motion.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I do have a question too for Senator Schrock.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, would you respond?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I will.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Schrock, I think you have a handout here from Senator Baker that certainly grabs my attention when it talks about the proposed ethanol plant in my districts. I'm taking a bit of a selfish approach here. But Platte Valley Ethanol, it says that status of the permit is pending. In your opinion, what is the effect of this proposal, Senator Baker's