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SENATOR VRTISKA:      ...at this time.      So with that, I'll relinquish the rest of my time back to the Chair, and thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM:      Thank you.      Senator Baker, and excuse me, Senator Baker, before I go to your light, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK:      Mr. Speaker, I would withdraw my bracket motion.

SPEAKER BROMM:      It is withdrawn.      Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      Mr. President, Senator Chambers would ask unanimous consent to bracket LB 479 until May 1, 2003.

SPEAKER BROMM:      Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open. I'm sorry.      Are there any objections?

SENATOR BEUTLER:      I object.

SPEAKER BROMM:      Senator Chambers, to open on your bracket. There are objections.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Yes, I will open.      Mr. President, members of the Legislature, some of us who don't see eye to eye on this bill, on ethanol, on a number of issues that are being discussed, have talked about this.      Senator Schrock's original bracket motion may have gone.      Had it gone, and the only way we'd know is if we voted, then it's over.      This bracket motion, until May the 1st, gives us all the opportunity to continue discussing this issue, seeing which parts of this bill may be divisible, so if there are some aspects of it that need to be enacted this session we can reach an agreement on that, and if there are others that prudence would indicate we should not enact this session, those can be delayed.      But before making an ultimate decision on any of those, we need to have the opportunity to discuss it, not on the floor by way...well, this motion can be discussed now, but off the floor, when we have more time to get input from any and everybody who has an interest.      There are some parts of the bill that I would be dragged along into supporting because of the fact that I lost