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the main battle. That was when we put in place what we have on the books now. That's not going to be repealed. So what I want to see happen is to damage the state as little as possible. Don't create a set of circumstances where, if the Legislature behaves in a particular way, it might encourage some bankers to make money available to some of these promoters and others which would not be the case if they weren't sure what the Legislature would do. If we allow circumstances to rock on where more of these operations can get in a position to obligate the state, then we are in trouble. This motion is a hold-harmless offer. It does not do away with the bill. It does not require anybody to take a hard and fast position on any aspect of the bill today. So I want to avoid, for my part, discussing the specifics of the bill, because I don't even want to get into that. It might push me over the edge or around the corner. The motion is up there now because there was an objection, but when time comes to vote on the motion I hope you will agree to bracket the bill until May 1. We will have time to do with the bill what needs to be done. That's all that I'm going to offer because the motion is not offered to extend the discussion. That was why I tried a unanimous consent first. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I don't think people realize the timing element involved in this. These people are out there. I wrote down one of Senator Schrock's opening comments--they're finding financing difficult. And we can bracket this thing till May 1 and if it's still on General File and I would...I'll have to get it clarified whether it would even be in the schedule where it is now if we took it back up May 1. But to move a bill on General File and pass it in the month of May with all the budget problems we have facing us, I don't think it's a possibility. So I'm going to oppose this bracket motion. What I would propose to do is to go ahead and get rid of these bracket motions and debate the bill, and if...I have agreed with Senator Kremer. The reason his bills were put into LB 479 is I had agreed to prioritize this. Otherwise, his bills would be sitting down there on General File someplace. If we want to split them out, I've got it up on the floor now,