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SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I respectfully oppose the bracket motion. I recognize the conversation and all that's gone on along here. And I think it's helpful for us to be conscious of what the committee and the counsel have been working on for the last year. This is a very difficult assignment. My...and, you know, if the body chooses to bracket until next January, that's not going to give me any heartburn. But I would oppose it because I don't see that as helpful. All of the objections that have been made are to present statute. If we bracket this, present statute stays, with all of its complexities. If we adopt the bill, we at least are removing some of the complexities of law, and then put ourself in a position to deal with the objections. Again, the objections that have been made are not a part of the bill. The complexities that have been revealed and talked about, you know, whether they are a problem or not, are not a part of the bill. I am advised that all DUI bills have been referred to Transportation for years. This is not an unusual referral. We are dealing with the product of many months of work, and I don't see that there's any need to back up on what we have done. That's why I would respectfully request us to reject the bracket and move on, and would promise to work with others to proceed then to a new piece that we can change and modify language. Part of my thought on this also is the frustration we've had working with recodification and anything else that goes with it. When you do this, you have changed section numbers, you have changed language, and the references, and so on. We need to establish the new references in there, the new LB 208, in order to do the simplification of language, the clarifying of language that's talked about. Because of those reasons, I think we should adopt this bill, and then work on the simplification, the problems with the present statute. Again, if we bracket, then the present statute stays there, and we continue to have problems in trying to deal with it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. On with discussion of the bracket motion. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Tyson.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I think Senator Tyson's approach was probably the cleaner. Just go on and kill it. But