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SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Foley would move to bracket LB 270 until January 23, 2004.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Foley, you're recognized to open on your bracket motion to a day certain.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Picking up where I left off, this is obviously a simple bracket motion; pushes the bill off for a few days; doesn't kill anything. It allows us to move on with the agenda, which I know some of you want to do. That's fine with me. I'm happy to move on with the agenda. I'm not trying to dominate the clock here. We can move on to other bills. I know some of you have some bills that are coming up on further down the list. We can get to those bills. We can bracket this bill for a few days. Gives me a chance to sit down with Senator Brashear, discuss some possible amendatory language to LB 270. If we don't come to resolution there, we could...I would have the option to offer a bill, a brand new bill, that would fix this issue. Trying to be reasonable. I'm not trying to dominate the session. I'm not trying to overload it with pro-life bills, pro-life amendments on every single bill, Senator Bourne, that comes up; not every single bill. Yes, there's going to be a couple of votes a year on pro-life. You know that. Every member knows that. They knew that when they ran for the office. That's part of the work we do here. It's one of the issues of the day. Some people would prefer not to talk about it ever, but you know you're going to. You know that issue is going to come up. Don't need to run from it. I'm going to read just a bit from an item that was in ABC News. This is off their web site, printed out on March 30, 2001, titled "Deadly Pregnancies." Says, in the intro, Rochelle Chong's baby was born prematurely in May of 1985 with a shattered joint and an extra layer of skin where she should have had an elbow. The doctors did DNA testing to determine if the condition was genetic. They also quizzed Chong on what drugs she had taken during pregnancy, but discovered nothing that could explain the baby's condition, called dislocated bilateral radial head of the right arm. Eventually, physicians determined