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FLOOR DEBATE

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Synowiecki. Senator Aguilar. Senator Jones, Senator Aguilar. All unexcused members are present. Members, the question before us then is whether or not we shall cease debate. All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, and opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BROMM: Debate does cease. I raise the call. Senator Smith, you are recognized to close on the bracket motion.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. You'll see by my green light to cease debate that this is not a delaying tactic on bracketing the bill until April 15. And let me reiterate, in case you were not within earshot of the proceedings here, and that is that April 15 would still accommodate the bill itself, in addition to LR 11CA being out there. And so the long and the short of it is that we can move on with other issues that I believe are important and do the business that we need to do and decide the bracket motion until later, because, according to the rules, a constitutional amendment can be advanced on the very last day of session. And will it raise a pretty high bar to meet in terms of consensus? Yes, it will, but that is...that is the rule that is accommodating of what we need to do, and we can move on at the same time. And I urge a green light on bracketing the bill until April 15. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the closing. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I'd like a call of the house and a roll call vote, please.

SPEAKER BROMM: There's been a call of the house requested. All in favor of the house going under call please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SPEAKER BROMM: The house is under call. Members, please record