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think perhaps Senator Chambers might be wrong. But I guess that's for this body to decide, and they're going to have that opportunity when we get to the final reading or the final, the next stage on this particular bill. And I guess then it will be a decision what the people...it will be the decision that people make, and ultimately it will be the decision that the voters in the state of Nebraska make. With that, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to bracket LB 1090 until April 14, 2004.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Even if my motion is adopted, there will be time to vote for this bill. We're talking about priorities. Well, my priority is to establish that an unwise decision had been made with reference to how public money is to be spent. This bill deals with the expenditure of public money, and some people disagree with what is in the bill and some disagree with what is not in the bill. I did not fire the first the first shot this morning. Somebody else did. But once the shot is fired and once the battle is joined, I'm in it. I had given a long dissertation the other day about not signing a deal with the devil, and that's what you do when you bring things on this floor, then you would like to cut it off. The devil tells you...well, actually the devil doesn't deal with mere mortals, that's beneath him, he battles gods. He sends his stooges, his underlings, Mephistopheles, his agent, and old "Meph" is the one who deals with the mere mortals. But Mephistopheles comes to you and says, you entered this agreement, I kept my part of it, now you keep yours. I was sitting in my chair. I usually am on my feet, but I was writing some things to just concentrate on voting when time came to vote, despite the fact that I have comments I'd like to make on all of these bills, but I was not doing it. But once the gate was opened and it allowed the old ones to come through, being one of the old ones I decided to come through. Now I have worked hard this session. I feel like