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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, may I announce the doctor of the day first, if you'd allow me to?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Thank you, Senator Chambers, for allowing us to do that. You may now open on your bracket motion, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I'm offering that as a unanimous consent motion first.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Is there any objection to bracketing the bill till May 3? Objection? There is an objection, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion to bracket.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Senator Connealy, paraphrasing you, why can't just all get along? Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I had spoken three times, so I had to do this to get an opportunity. There are times when people will say things such as, well, if you don't like what's here, why don't you do something else or offer something else? It's not my job to rewrite other people's bills. It's my job, if I agree with it, to support it; if I don't like it, to kill it. So what do you want me to do? Kill it? And I bet I can. I'll kill it skillet dead. But I'm not going to do that unless I have to. If the purpose of this language in the amendment that is before us is to set up a time from which this money would be available, you don't have to put $1 million in it for the next three years, because the appropriations...the A bill will do that, if the Legislature agrees. Suppose you put in this positive legislation, $1 million is going to be appropriated starting January 1, and the Legislature appropriates $20,000. Then what? Which prevails--this bill, or what's in the A bill? Well, we can't appropriate money through this bill. The A bill appropriates the money. So you have the legislation, which somebody out there will read, saying, there's $1 million available for this program. But the Legislature only appropriated $20,000, so there is not $1 million available. Don't put the dollar amount in. All you would have to do, if