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SENATOR CUDABACK: Then, Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open--we'll get this straight yet--to open on your bracket motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, if anybody watched "The Ten Commandments" or whatever that biblical movie was, when a statement was made by Pharaoh or a top-ranking person, there would be scribes there and this individual would say, so let it be written, so let it be done. When the question was put over and over, is there objection, and then the Chair said it is so ordered, that meant the bill is bracketed. But then, on further consideration, the Chair overruled itself and said there's an objection, so I'm going to let that stand. But if I miss a vote, I'm going to insist that the Chair back up for my sake because I was not attentive, I didn't pay attention, and even though the Chair ruled, I don't want that ruling to stand. Now, if that's the way we're going to conduct business, fine, but I want it conducted that way toward all of us. And I don't want the Chair, whoever is in it, to tell me, Senator Chambers, the Chair has spoken. So if a vote is called, I'm going to offer an amendment. And if the Chair says it's too late, the vote was called, I'm going to say, uh-uh, because I didn't have my amendment ready and you said that it was ordered that a bill was bracketed, then you changed your mind when somebody didn't pay attention and didn't get in on time. I'm saying this to show you all what happens when you do favors to certain people on this floor. Now, I can survive. I can survive anything any one of you or any group of you will do, but I want to call your attention to it and the public's attention to what is done, at the time it is done, because I will make reference to it again in the future. I don't expect to be treated like everybody else is treated. There are certain attitudes toward people of my complexion in this society, and it can't be escaped by the people who make up the majority group here. So there are certain boons and favors that are granted to their kind, but I know that. I know what kind of legislative assembly I'm a part of. I can look around here and be reminded of the makeup of the majority of those in this Legislature. But I just want to let you know that I'm aware of what is being done to me when it is being done. Now to the motion. Mr. President, friends all,