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interim. We have spent a number of hours on this debate. If I felt that there was some compromise, I would not have turned in this bracket motion. But it would allow us time to gather more information. It would also allow us time for the Medicaid study to be returned, and also I am concerned, as a number of other people are concerned, about the number of time, the number of hours that are being spent on issues. Here we are and 20-some days left in the session, that we have got a budget, we've got a number of bills. We've got the bill right after this is the methamphetamine bill which certainly needs time for discussion. We have other bills before us and then, when the budget comes, I think we've got a number of hours that are going to have to be spent on that issue. So with that, to do a bracket motion until February 3 of 2006 I think would certainly allow us time to look at the issue and also clear this from our agenda so that we can move on to other issues and discuss those. We have a number of bills yet to go and I think there are some priority bills that are not going to be heard if we don't move judiciously through that. So with that, I would certainly ask the body to go along with the bracket motion until February 3 next year. Again, we'll have, by the end of the year, the Medicaid study, which I think will reveal some things also pertinent to this issue of motorcycle helmets and also their part that they play in Medicaid cost. Senator Smith handed out a letter, or not a letter but a note, saying what the medical...Medicaid cost was from HHS. That is certainly not all-inclusive. The Hospital Association would come up with much, much higher numbers than that. And so I would just implore that the body...that we move ahead with this bracket motion, bracket this until February 3 of 2006. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on the motion by Senator Jensen to bracket LB 70 till February 3, '06. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Obviously, I stand in opposition to Senator Jensen's (laugh) newest delaying tactic, and if it were a good faith effort to arrive at a compromise that would be fine. But I appreciate the conversation that I've had with several members here this