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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why don't we take it a step at a time and take Senator Bourne's amendment? And that would reinstate status quo.

SENATOR BAKER: I am willing to let it go to a vote. In fact, I was hoping the question would be called and we can vote on Senator Bourne's amendment and see where we head.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, no, we may vote on my motion, and then vote on it again.

SENATOR BAKER: Well, obviously, I'm going to oppose your motion to bracket the bill until the 7th of April.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, that's the fifty-seventh day. By then, if people have cooled down, we'd still have plenty of time, since this bill is on Select File, to move it to Final Reading and let it lay there for a day and then vote on it. But it may alter its form substantially.

SENATOR BAKER: I think the only thing we're debating right now is whether to remove the committee amendment that was adopted on General File. I can live with it, I guess, one way or another. I was prepared to vote on it and go on, one way or the other.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you willing to support removing that amendment?

SENATOR BAKER: No, I'm not going to support Senator Bourne's amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think you have 33 votes for this bill?

SENATOR BAKER: I don't know. There's a lot in it for a lot of different people.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And there's a lot of damage being done by the bill in its present form to a lot of people, also. Would you agree with that?