

least a day of discussion because the first thing that would be done is to divide the question. So if the body decides that it is going to vote against this bracket motion, the body decides that it's going to adopt some of these amendments, then we will have to have a discussion of each one of those at great length and each one of those will have to be amended considerably. So that's what is placed before us this morning. I hope that we will vote yes on the bracket motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Ashford, followed by Senator Witek.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise to support the bracket motion. I think that Senator Chambers has given us some very legitimate reasons for delaying the debate on this matter until next week. There are...we have already adopted, I think, some very positive legislation here of community corrections. That needs to be worked out. There is an amendment on the desk now which puts into a more substantive form the community corrections proposal and I understand that there are some additional amendments by Senator Witek that will deal with some of her issues and some of her concerns. This bill will have to come to a vote at some point. We cannot avoid, nor should we avoid voting on tough law and justice issues simply because they're tough issues. We're obviously going to have to come to a vote, we're going to have to take up or down votes on some very difficult things, but the more we can work out in the area of...in these areas prior to a debate, instead of debating as Senator Chambers suggests, dividing the questions, getting into the technical aspects of each particular amendment, we can take a look at those going in to the debate and then really start to debate the rationale and the bases for going one way or the other in the area of criminal justice reform. So I would support that motion. And just very briefly for the record, Madam Chairman, I would like to put a couple of facts into the record that following from my debate, the debate last week on community corrections. In addition to some of the benefits that we talked about, Madam President, can I have just have a, just a brief gavel from you, please. In addition to some of the benefits that I talked about last week, I've obtained some data from the Governor's draft proposal on prison reform which is very interesting, to me anyway. For example, Arizona's Community Punishment Act in 1990 diverted almost 700 nonviolent offenders from prison into community corrections programs. The average cost of these programs was \$5,110 per