

number of years you begin to understand what can and cannot be accomplished. And...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...I feel that we've accomplished a great deal with this bill. I urge the body to reject the amendments or reject the motion to bracket. I would hope that the supporters of the bill come to a realistic sense of what can be accomplished this session, withdraw the amendments and let's move the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise against this bracket motion. As Senator Abboud said, it will kill the bill. Senator Withem is asking for a delay, not till next year, like I would prefer, but till the end of...or until June 8th of next year, after the session has ended. There's been a lot of things said. It's interesting to listen to people talk about this bill and the time that we've spent on it, five hours here, and why we've spent that time on it. Senator Chambers fails to mention that the time that we spent on this bill, on Select, was given over to reconsideration of his amendments time, after time, after time; it wasn't given time to work on this bill. We spent no time working on this bill past boot camps, as far as I can see. Community corrections came into the Government Committee and we intended to look at that with...with a lot greater degree of, you know, intending to put that in possibly next year, after we'd had a chance to look at it. It was put into this bill, and I still think it needs a better look at than we've had the opportunity to look at here because we've been so wrapped up in the politics of this bill. You say that we worked on this bill. Who is we that worked on this bill? The people who worked on this bill, worked on this bill, there were many people before this bill even made it to the floor of this Legislature that worked on this bill. What do we owe them? What do we give them for all their time and effort that they put into this bill? What do we give the county attorneys who have been asking for these things year, after year, after year, and have tried to get it to the floor of this body and have some of these provisions voted on? What explanation do we give to these people that we can't get these voted on, on the floor of this body? It's not because we don't want to vote for it. I know I have support for these provisions. It's because Senator