

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I agree with Senator Lindsay that we should look at the policy, and if the bracket motion were necessary in order to do that, I would support the bracket motion. But I think we can look at the policy without bracketing the bill. We can have discussion, try to understand it and what it does, and whether it's good policy, bad policy based on expansion of the tax base, as Senator Hall indicated, or whether it's something that we should change and put our interpretation on the law instead of the Department of Revenue. I also want to take just a brief moment to clear up something. And, Senator Lindsay, I would very much like to tell you this, if I could have just a moment of your attention. Now I'm not very good at being David Letterman, or anybody like that. But in some of the days in the past here we have been extremely tense and serious, and some of the discussions have been very difficult and personal. And I want you to know, because I value your opinion and judgment a lot, that when I used the phrase "gift horse in the mouth" I was saying something lightly and in jest and trying to break the tension in my mind just a little bit. And I'm sorry that it was received as a serious comment and repeated as a serious comment, because it was not intended as a serious comment, and you need to know that, and I can't say that any clearer than that. I even had a gift horse in my office the night before last, running up and down the halls. (Laughter.) And I mean I wasn't offended, and I honestly said that in all lightness, not to hurt anyone or to cause...to add fuel to the fire. So, you need to know that. I don't blame you at all for putting up the bracket motion. I again will stand to discuss the policy as long as we need to so that we understand it. And, frankly, this issue deserves some discussion. I think a lot of us don't understand exactly what the situation is, and I don't profess to be able to explain it. But I will listen to the debate and try to understand it. I, too, believe, as Senator Hall stated, that as we get down the line here, in a year or two, in probably less than a year we're going to need to look at what we do with our tax structure, and we can't afford, we can't afford to give up tax base. I'm not sure that that's what this does, based on what I've heard, but I will listen to the debate, I will not support the bracket motion, but I will be glad to participate in the discussion on Select File. Thank you.

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