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that there are other deals that have been worked and this is a complex issue. We don't just have two bills, we may not even have only three, but at any rate we're getting to the crunch time of the session. Whatever happens, if it's not what I desire, it means that the effort I put forth is not sufficient to bring about the result that I want and I'll lose, as I lost on the welfare bill, but it's not the end of the world. It's nearly the end of the session and maybe I can help us do some things that are interesting between now and the time that the curtain falls. But on this motion I want to bracket LB 1087 till April 14. That will be one day before we adjourn for the last time this session. That would prevent there being enough time to pull the bill and do anything with it. It would have to rest on Final Reading for at least one legislative day. So it's clear that by this motion I am trying to remove the bill from further consideration. Senator Jones could achieve that effect but maybe he has reasons which will prevent him from doing it. But whether we don't consider it for the reason that I have up there, we don't consider it because Senator Jones wants to take some action or we don't get around to voting on it because we have other matters pending on the bill to deal with makes me not a great amount of difference. All I can be responsible for is doing that which I feel is necessary under the circumstances for me to do, and I'm starting to carry that out right now with this motion. It is to bracket this bill until April 14 which would be Thursday. The last vote we took came very close, 23, we needed 25. As people say, close is not a cigar. I'm wondering if there will be 25 votes for Senator Landis' motion if this one is not adopted, or if we ever get around to voting on his motion. But to do what he is asking is to compound an error that was made Friday by attaching the sales tax amendment for Omaha. If everybody has their thinking caps on and we're looking at the big picture, it would be clear that as long as the Omaha sales tax remains on this bill it is a mistake. Now the motion that I made was to reconsider the vote on that proposition. I'd like to ask Senator Jones a question if I may.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jones, I made a motion to reconsider the vote. Now when the original vote was taken on the Ashford amendment, did you vote in favor of that or vote against it or you were not voting?

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