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I think when a bill has been killed in committee, it's been killed in committee, and I don't think this is setting a good precedent for bringing it back for reconsideration; if that were possible, we'd bring a lot of bills back. That's the way I feel about it, and I urge the body not to support this type of action that might set a precedent. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Robak. Any further discussion on the motion to refer? Seeing none, Senator Schimek, you may close.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I wish to assure this body that this committee is not taking sides on this issue. This committee, unanimously yesterday, although we didn't take a vote on it, I think it as pretty, pretty clear that we believe this bill should come back into committee, that we should revive it, that it should be there to serve as a vehicle if the counties come to some kind of an agreement, and that's all we're asking you to do today. It has been done on this floor a number of times in the past. And I guess, Senator Bromm, I probably should have communicated with you also before this committee took this action, because I don't think the committee meant to put any stumbling blocks in the way of these negotiations. And, Senator Robak, I probably should have talked with you as well. So maybe the communication around here needs to be a little bit better all the way around. Nevertheless, this is not an unusual step. The committee would like to have that bill back. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. You've heard the closing. The question is the motion to refer back to committee LB 349. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. I'll remind you that it takes 30 votes. We're voting on the motion to refer. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 3 nays, Madam President, on the motion to raise and refer LB 349 back to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

SENATOR CROSBY: The motion carries. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Mr. Clerk, LB 482A.