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LR 29

SENATOR LANDIS: No, I'm not. I would like an indication of where the body is. This is the first year that states are looking at this. We will get a signal at the end of this legislative cycle across the country of how quickly the project is moving. The trigger is ten states, 20 percent of the public. It's in a number of states being, you know, just like it is in Nebraska, being considered right now, and this is that critical stage. But, for example, we don't have to act immediately. The very earliest possible, if everybody went to the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...wall, fast track, pass bills, and we got them in 20 states, the earliest you could make this work under ideal circumstances would be July 2004.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And we're free to remove ourselves at any time prior thereto except for any costs or whatever.

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Right? And we don't get a gold star for being first of the ten. We don't make any more money whether we're first or fifth or tenth. There's no "incentivization" built into it, is there?

SENATOR LANDIS: I don't know of any. I can't think of any off the top of my head. My answer is no.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, thank you. Your Committee on Business and Labor reports LB 418 to General File with amendments attached. Agriculture Committee reports LB 157, LB 160, LB 250, LB 273, LB 274 to General File with committee amendments attached. I have a new resolution. Senator Foley offers LR 29. That will be laid over, Mr. President.