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SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I'm listening, but I think Senator Beutler has the right idea and all I can say is ditto.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I am echoing Senator Landis' position, that I believe that we need to be mindful that we may need a fallback position. And my position on this issue in terms of revenue and budget and so forth, I've tried to be flexible and support some revenue issues, not all of them. Certainly I would rather be compelled not to support all of the revenue measures, but I have supported some of those. And I suppose the easier way for me is to say, hey, let's do one that I won't support, and then I can go home and tell people, hey, got my way. But I think the more responsible thing to do is to keep some tools on the workbench, and we can do that by moving some things along and keeping some options open rather than closing doors or slamming doors, whatever the case may be. But again, I reiterate the fact that I've tried to be flexible in this and look at various tools, and I hope that a majority of the body will do the same. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Beutler, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, we had two bills we need to get done this session. One is LB 407, and more than 33 of you, I think 38 of you, said that's what we want to do on expenditures. And the other bill was Senator Kermit Brashear's bill on the revenue side and I don't remember the vote, but at least 30 of you said that's what we want to do. So what does it matter what the Governor wants to do? Do we not have confidence in our own opinions after all the discussion we've had? Don't we feel that we've judiciously considered each and every thing? I certain do. We have been here for days and days and days on those two bills. The difference...the different opinion of 1 man, 1 of 50, who happens to sit in the Governor's Office is not going to make any difference at all to me. His opinion I value no higher than