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LB 283, 407, 759

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. There are no further lights on, Senator Beutler. You're recognized to close on your bracket motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Landis used the analogy of the kamikaze, and that's a very good analogy for him to use in the sense that he wanted to make this seem to be radical and self-destructive, but the fact of the matter is that the analogy doesn't work. Kamikaze had so much gas and he couldn't control his destiny. He was done when he got into the airplane. But if we get into this "airplane," we're not done. Our destiny is controlled by ourselves. If we...the only enemy we have is ourselves and our lack of will and our lack of determination and our lack of confidence in our own judgments. If the plane is shot down, if LB 759 is shot down, if LB 407 is shot down, the same people who voted to send it on its flight vote to resurrect it. That's all that happens. Your destiny is in your own hands. And all we would do from now on with this other material that we're dealing with is fumble around like weak people, unsure of ourselves, peddling, just in case there's something out there that we don't know about. So I strongly recommend this motion to you and I'd put up the same motion on every revenue bill and send a clear message about where this Legislature is, and that message can and should be clear because we have debated this ad nauseam. We have heard all the arguments. Everybody has participated. We know what we want to do. Let's just do it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on the bracket motion of LB 283 until January 1, '04. The question before the body is adoption of the bracket motion. All in favor of the bracket motion vote aye, opposed nay. Question before the body is the bracket motion of LB 283. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 4 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The bracket motion was not successful. Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, we're back to consideration of Senator