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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, you are recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I stand before you to ask for the bracket motion, and I know you're all going to be very disappointed that this may not turn into a long, prolonged discussion this morning. I came up here armed with all sorts of information to help the cause. And actually, I think the discussion of this bill a little bit further would have been good, because I suspect that many of us are not as knowledgeable about the collective bargaining process as we should be. And in fact, I bet that not many of us know that collective bargaining can actually override state statute, and I could give you many examples. I bet not many of us know, either, that the director of personnel is limited by the terms and conditions for employment of the collective bargaining agreement. We're not going to have to have that discussion this morning, and the reason that we're not is that Senator Pahls has entered into an agreement with some folks, and I believe he is going to be supporting this bracket motion, as well. And so I would simply ask you to support this. If things can't be worked out, they...then we can always come back at a later time and do something with it. But Senator Pahls, I would like to give you the rest of my time, or as much as you need.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pahls.

SENATOR PAHLS: Thank you. Members of the body, I would like to put this bill to bed, but not to sleep. The last day or so I've spoken to representatives from the administration, from the state electrical board, the bargaining unit, and industry. And I think we've come to some resolution on this. We are going to meet this summer and see if we can't find and solve this issue. This, again, has come up a number of times, and we're going to try to resolve it. The reason why I don't want to put it to sleep, because I may need to wake it up if we can't come to solve those issues this summer. So I hope you will give a green light to this bracket. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pahls. Senator Schimek, are you asking for unanimous consent to bracket?