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SENATOR LANDIS: ...a nearly neutral system on the sectors of the economy and I will attempt to do that. LB 1063 gives me the way in which I can begin.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, and members of the body, I yield my time to Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, (inaudible). You only need to give me four minutes. I will just summarize and then I will give this time back to Senator Schimek. I was kind of racing through here. There is much more information in here that should be digested by all of us. And the tax burdens that we are about to impose probably should be done in a knowing context that includes this. I don't think that 1063, in its present form, is the final solution. What we will need to do is to take a model that we can begin with and start looking for adjustments, reasoned accommodations. From my perspective, LB 1120 fails on exactly the principle that Howard Lamb identified. LB 1120 is not a nearly neutral application of taxes. A new sales and income tax is not a nearly neutral system to come up with a way of handling the problem. It's a very real shift of taxes and the more that we use tax bases that provide wide ranging changes of responsibility, the more likely we're not going to find agreement, which is why I think 1063 is an appropriate model to use. I urge you to begin the discussion of that topic and the best way to do that is to pull 1063 out of committee and for us to stop meeting in those meetings of the rural senators over in the lobby room and the urban senators in various parts of this Capitol, but rather that we start having some meetings between those two groups talking about the kinds of accommodations that we can do rather than the ways that we're going to stop the other group from winning. Thank you. And I will yield back to Senator Schimek the rest of the time.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Landis, members of the body, I would just like to second what Senator Landis said. And I would also like to explain to you the reasons that I am going to vote in favor of pulling this out. You know, I'm thinking this is February 26th, by March 12th we need to have the constitutional amendment passed. We have two weeks, ladies and