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SENATOR LANDIS: That actually happened last session, and I'd like to have a lot of the bills that clogged up and are back again for which there were 25 votes and simply not enough time to have passed. That was a real frustration of majority will and we can get that back. I'm going to vote for this repeal.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I listen very closely when Senator Landis speaks and I just...I have to say, once again, that it was never about foreclosing discussion, never about foreclosing discussion, at least from my perspective. It was always about the quality of the debate because we had lost the quality of the debate by virtue of having situations where, on complicated bills, on controversial bills, on bills that needed to be...needed to have debate, we were...we were having 75 amendments that did nothing to address the actual merits, the actual language of the bill, but rather to just spend time. And so I believe absolutely in the deliberative process and I had hoped that structured debate could be a piece of allowing us on those controversial bills that were very clearly probably going to pass to be able to get the kind of discussion that we needed to get to pass good legislation. And, obviously, because it was never used, it didn't benefit us in the year of last year. And so if we're willing to trade for consent calendar, that's fine, but we are going to probably find ourselves again in the situation where we have bills that are controversial and complicated, bills that we should be spending the time on amendments that actually make the bill better, so that when we pass it we can be proud of the legislation that we pass and that our process has facilitated that legislation being the very best, and that was the rationale behind structured debate. I'm not saying that anything about it accomplished it because, obviously, it was in order to protect all those things that we've been talking about, it was...it sort of...there were too many protections. It did...it did give the Speaker more power, which is something I think that we probably need to do, and I felt comfortable with the provisions and the protections that were put...placed in the structured debate, but all those provisions and protections also make it cumbersome. And so if, you know, if the will of the body is to let this go, but just in the debate we're hearing,