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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...at its worst.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, on the motion to bracket LB 1407.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I think in all honesty there are a couple of different ways of looking at what happened today. The way Senator Jensen explained to me, which is certainly a rational way of looking at it, is that essentially, not just essentially, exactly the agreement that was reached at noon in Senator Jensen's office would be effectuated by the department without the need for a legislative bill. In other words, they were saying to us, we understand what the senators in this room, at least, agreed to and we're willing to do that and, therefore...and, Senator Jensen, I would like to just have a short exchange with you on the record so that we all do understand. First of all, would you confirm that that is the concept that has been agreed to?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Jensen?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And would you agree that what we agreed to at noon is that there would simply be no change in current policy until another legislation...legislative session had passed and this body had had an opportunity to either make change or not make change, based upon a plan which they would do without the Legislature telling them to do it? Is that a fair statement?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct. They have already started on the study.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And there will be no assets test and the same cost-sharing arrangement that exists now will continue to exist. They'll continue to go beyond the 24 months and