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heard also a number of arguments that I think can be capsulized in the statement that this is not a very practical time to be trying to do this sort of thing. And the reason is because we have the biggest budget crisis on our hands since my time in the Legislature, and I would argue probably since the Second World War. And the reason that that becomes important follows up on Senator Landis' comments. Senator Landis' comments and Senator Brashear's warning to you basically indicate that we have always had this little rule book. And if you really want to shut down filibustering altogether, if you really want to shut it down, you need to empower the Speaker to overrule a whole number of things. Because if you don't do that, then a dissatisfied minority will find other ways to gum up the works, and still can find other ways to gum up the works. You can start with the first bill that we debate this year. You can file a whole bunch of amendments on it, even though the bill may be totally unimportant. You can speak all three times you're allowed to speak. You can speak ten minutes on amendments. There are a whole number of things that you can do to filibuster. Maybe the filibuster won't be direct on the very bill that you're concerned about. But it will take bills way in front of that bill, and it will punish by taking bills after that bill. If you want to proceed to seek to empower the Speaker, that's one thing. But if you don't do that, this is probably not a very practical time to be taking this kind of a step. And I think that's why the Speaker has warned you not to, that the Chair of the Judiciary has warned you not to, that the Chair of the Revenue Committee has warned you not to, that all those of us who have been around awhile would say to you there are other ways still, even if you do this, by which the filibuster can be maintained with a vengeance. So let's wait till our budget crisis is over. Let's take Senator Brashear's advice and see if the changes that we made last year suffice. I think they will. And let's just take a cautious approach to this at this particular point in time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Maxwell, I want you to know personally, and I certainly want the