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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Landis, if I could just ask you a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Landis, to a question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: You don't want the bracket motion. You want it to advance. It is...let's say it advances to Select File. Would you be willing to hold it and allow and ask the administration to negotiate, and allow for a 30-day negotiation period? You, Senator, who are the leader in compromise and mediation...

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you (laughing).

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and doing things that are necessary, if they're necessary, but not doing things that are not necessary, if they're not necessary?

SENATOR LANDIS: I will tell you that by signing on as the introducer of the bill, it was at that point, because I could foresee this question arising, and I asked myself that question. And I've chosen the legislative route. That is my choice. In the event I think it is for others to avail upon the administration to slow down or whatever, I will proceed with the bill in an orderly fashion. And I have been...I would send as an accommodating a message as I can but I am the introducer of the measure and I believe in it, and I will carry it forward.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think I appreciate what you're saying and, of course, we all feel that tremendous burden when we take the job of introducing a bill and we say to a group of people, yes, this is...I agree with you, this is what I'll do. But I don't know about you, but I, from time to time, when I've done that, have had some additional information and had some additional experience that would indicate and call into question really truly whose bill is it? Is it mine or is it theirs? And you have always resoundingly answered that one. It is mine because I am the senator and, ultimately, I have the responsibility and, ultimately, I must answer to my constituents. Shouldn't we all