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feel that way? Or once the lobby has ahold of us, and I don't mean to infer that that's always negative by any means, does that mean that we are committed forever, for the rest of the process, to what they want? I wouldn't be making these kinds of arguments if I had heard one shred of evidence as to why there could not be a 30-day negotiating period. I hear broad terms like the industry is falling apart, and all of these arguments that don't pertain to the short run. And, clearly, especially if this bill is sitting on Select File, the unions would have every incentive to negotiate. This is a mediation kind of situation that I would think everybody would want because there is something big to lose on both sides. They both have reasons to come to agreement, strong reasons. And we...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...could await that agreement, and we could preserve the integrity of the processes that we normally use rather than creating what, in my opinion, is a false emergency. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek, on the motion to bracket LB 85.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President and members, I'll be brief. This is uncomfortable to have Senator Beutler and myself arguing with our Lincoln colleague, Senator Landis, over this bill, but that is our job and that is the responsibility that we all bear. I'm...I think this is a very reasonable motion that Senator Beutler has put up. It is, perhaps, the middle ground that can offer both sides a way to accomplish what they want to accomplish, and it's a very reasonable time period. I might have put the bracket motion up for perhaps a little bit later, but when we get into a little bit later, we also get into a lot of other issues and a lot of other situations where the bill may not have a chance to survive at that point. And if at that point it needs to survive, I don't want to see it not be undertaken this year. So I think that probably Senator Beutler's time frame is appropriate. I think a lot can be done in a month to negotiate. I think it's a reasoned approach and I would con...I would ask that you support