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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Landis, I'm not sure what I heard you say when you said that Senator Brashear could more or less get his bill in the shape that he wanted it. Is that...?

SENATOR LANDIS: In a sense, I think Senator Beutler was asking me, did I intend to reach in and try to carve things out, take things out, amend the bill, and I have no intention of offering amendatory language to the Brashear bill at this point.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But you were saying that he could? Is that...?

SENATOR LANDIS: He's the introducer of the bill. Any one of us can make a motion.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Certainly.

SENATOR LANDIS: In other words, if Senator Brashear sees LB 759 as the ultimate solution and needs 250, 300, 350 million dollars of revenue, he's going to need to change the bill. If we see it that way, we're going to need to change that. And I think...the bill now has about \$150 million in it, and that's way short of the 355 that we need.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right. Right.

SENATOR LANDIS: So as a single solution, it doesn't work now, in my estimation, and the body or Senator Brashear or both would need to do something about it. But is it my intention to reach into that bill and do it? No. My intention is to offer four bills that total about \$350 million, and to see where the body is. And that's...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...what these four bills do.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That makes it clear. And I guess from my own personal perspective, I think it would be very helpful if we could put a total package together. Ultimately, there are going to be parts of any of these tax bills that some of us don't