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like. But in order to get consensus and build that final package, I really do think that we're going to have to put them together. That's the way a lot of things are done around here, and I would strongly encourage it. And I don't care really which way it goes or how it gets done, but we need to build consensus around a total package. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Brashear, followed by Senator Chambers and others.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, this is an opportunity to...and I don't mean to repeat. But earlier this morning, I tried to indicate a concept that had evolved. You know, strategy is not a fixed thing. You don't carve it in stone. It evolves moment by moment as you're dealing with the realities. The reality of 2:45 p.m. today is that we have a unique opportunity to pursue two tracks for a period of time. We can either seek...it's my desire to see if it's acceptable to a majority of you to use LB 759 as a singular vehicle to offer a singular revenue package...or nearly singular, complete revenue package to the people and to the Governor that would lead through this particular difficulty. And I will endeavor to enhance LB 759 by amendments which pick up other ideas of others of you and incorporate them into LB 759. But as I indicated this morning when we began the daily agenda, it isn't necessary in the pursuit of that single bill that would constitute, in my mind, a totally responsible, complete plan, it is not necessary to oppose the various bills which the Revenue Committee subsequently put forth. And that's what caused me to make the comment this morning that, you know, if you pass two...if you pass an identical law twice in the same body, you really don't have to worry about it, because you've still only passed one law. I think we have a unique opportunity, as we analyze the situation at this moment, to push forward from Select File, I hope a majority of you agree, a single solution. And certainly there is no reason to kill off, and those who like to have like to have maximum flexibility and opportunity would not want to kill off, these bills which remain...are trailing behind. And we ultimately are going to have to make a decision, as we work for the people, how we want to present ourselves to them and to the Governor, and await the Governor's response to our plan. I