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some things, for which this body was given a plan, which we passed. And it did two things simultaneously: it reduced premiums for companies, and it raised benefits for labor. And they made that deal themselves, which we monitored and assisted. I'm going to vote no. Not because I don't wish it well, not because I don't think it's well-meaning, but because I've seen half a dozen of these kinds of efforts in the past, and they...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...produce no public policy. And the reason they don't is they fall into the Solomon trap of telling us what the right answer is, then we coming up with a plan, and then it's having to defend those plans, because it doesn't look like the advice that we got; and secondly, because it ignores the essential dynamic of public policy making, which is a negotiation between powerful parties dealing directly with each other, directly with each other. If I had one more speech, I'd tell you the story of public hearings. One side comes in, tells us why it's good, one side tells us why it's bad, when they could live together if they talked to each other, which they never do. It's one of the reasons public hearings don't yield us much in the way of valuable agreements, because they're structured so badly. This is structured not to give us agreement. To make us a plan, but it won't result, I don't think, ultimately.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: Good luck.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Engel, followed by Senators Burling, Raikes, Hartnett, and Chambers. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I too commend Senator Bromm for bringing this up at this point in time. I think it's very, very timely, I know, in listening to Senator Pederson and others, and Senator Landis. I think as far as Senator Landis is concerned, I agree with a lot of things he said. But I think it's all in the timing. I think the timing