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LB 283, 407, 759

before, I had identified them, so had the Revenue Committee. We'd taken this action. Senator Brashear saw that. He turned it into an amendment. You adopted it to LB 759. I'm going to ask that those two pieces be adopted to this bill as well, and I would ask for the adoption of these pieces, which you've already seen, to LB 283. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Beutler would move to bracket the bill until January 1, 2004.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis...or I mean, Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your bracket motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I think we should have a discussion here about what we're doing. We're in a process now where we're going to go back over two or three or four revenue bills and redo all of the work that we've essentially already done and put into Senator Brashear's bill. We have done the expenditure bill, LB 407. We have done the matching revenue bill, LB 759. That's all we need to do. Why are we doubling our efforts here? Why are we wasting our time? We have dealt with each other. We have made our compromises. We have made our agreements. We have done our work. I don't think anybody is going to change their mind about how this should all come out, and I think the Governor should understand that we've reached a decision, and the Governor has the right to, and obviously will, deal with our decision. But I don't think we ought to be fumbling around and indecisively, willy-nilly wasting our time here till 8:00 tonight and maybe the next day and the next day. I, at least, for one, am firmly of the opinion that we ought to indefinitely postpone every revenue bill we have left and be done with it. Bing, bing, bing, bing, be done with it. There's nothing that's been left undone. And that's basically the reason for the motion to bracket, to save us all this time of discussing and going through the liquor laws and the different liquor suggestions one by one, tediously, over and over and over again, and so on and so on and so on. The question is LB 759. It's the best tax package we can put together. It funds the compromise that we