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made on LB 407. We've done it. We ought to stick to it. If the Governor wants to veto it, fine. If we want to override, fine. If we don't want to override, fine. Those are the choices ahead for everybody. But I suggest to you, and I'm interested in your opinion as to whether there's any purpose to a double track at this point. In fact, personally, for myself, I had a lot of problems understanding why we wasted so much time earlier and why we were on a double track. I've never seen, in my time in the Legislature, this sort of double track thing going along and going along, and it seems to me it's time for it to come to an end. LB 759 is on one road. It's on the highway. It's on its way. We don't need to do anything else. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on the motion to bracket LB 283 until 1-1-04. Discussion on that motion? Senator Landis, followed by Senator Schrock. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the Japanese pilots of the Second World War were called the Divine Wind, the kamikaze. In fact, they only put enough gas in their planes to fly to the American ships and drop their bombs. They didn't put enough gas in to get back safely. I understand Senator Beutler's argument here. This is a kamikaze approach. It says LB 759 is the answer. If it gets vetoed, we override it. If we don't, we got zero for revenue. Now I think the idea is to get the collective muster of the will to say there's only one choice and it has to have 30 votes, because I think we are relatively assured of a veto of this bill. Are we not? Now the question is, does it survive the veto or not? Because what Senator Beutler is saying is, you know, let's make sure we don't have any other options; let's make sure that we climb in o that plane and only get enough gas to get to the aircraft carrier because there's no way home. And ultimately I assume it's meant to turn on the rest of us to say, with no options, your choice is LB 759 or nothing. And if the body wants to do that, I understand. I'm not going to agree. In fact, I don't support that idea. I voted for LB 759 and I'll vote for the veto override. It's not bad. As a matter of fact, you know what? Two-thirds of the bill came out of the Revenue Committee. They weren't in LB 759 originally. They came through bills that, in