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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I listened very carefully to Senator Beutler and I listened to his choice of words very carefully and I have to say I want the record to reflect that I do not think that the discussion of the revenue issues have been public acts of self-abuse. I want you all to know that while we've been debating this I don't think that I've been committing self-abuse and I don't think you have either. I could be wrong. The press has been here. I think we've had TV coverage. Let the public decide. I'm just saying I don't think it was self-abuse. And as far as being whacked, which was the other choice of words in there, I don't recall being whacked. Maybe I didn't notice it at the time, but I'm just saying I don't think that I was ever whacked in the middle of the revenue debates. I am prepared to move the bill to Select File. As far as I'm concerned, they can languish there till the end of the session to see whether we need them or not. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in opposition of it. I think we've done great work. I think that we will override any veto that we get, but I'm open to a fallback position. I'm open to having options. And I am solidly behind the work that we've done and I think we all should be proud of the work we've done, and I think we'll carry through. But we might as well have the option, so I rise in opposition to this motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Synowiecki, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Beutler, I just cannot support the tax on reconstruction that is a part of LB 759 and, as a result, Senator Beutler, I want to keep all options open so we can arrive at the magic number and keep all opportunities available so that tax on the reconstruction labor is not in our final package. So that, if you're asking kind of individually where we're at, that's where I'm at. I want to keep all options on the table, which would