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SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. In the discussion in my district after this had come up from...on the floor, the majority of the people have said that, you know, they have spoken, and they would like to have their wishes continued on for a while, the term limits. Realistically, the people that are involved in office, in offices such as school boards, county supervisors, Legislature, and the like, are the only ones that realize the historical knowledge that it takes being a member, and the continuity of the group, and how things get done, the process of it. But 99 percent of the people out there in the community, the voters, only hear what's in the paper and what's on the radio as far as what we're doing. In the eyes of them right now, as raising the taxes and cutting education, you know, it's not received very well. But this is part of the process. If you don't have any money, you can't do things. But I was a little bit disappointed when it did come up on the floor, you know, as to, we should try to repeal it. The people that are affected by it are the ones that want to repeal it. In the eyes of the public, that wasn't good. I really respect the decision of Senator Chambers. And in my mind, listening to him for the last 82 days, he has been right a lot of times. And I really respect that from him. But I think it's way too early. No one has seen the effect of what could happen when these term limits are really in full play. And so I would be against...I'd have voted red on this motion. But if they're going to bracket it, I probably can go along with that. But I think it's way too early to bring this up at the present time. And I wish that it would have come from another source other than it came from the body here, originally. And that was just in the last couple weeks. So those are the comments that I have. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Bromm, followed by Senators Brashear, Loudon, and Schimek. Senator Bromm, advancement of LB 598. Is Senator Bromm on the floor? Yes, there he is.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. There are a lot of people and a lot of groups in the state that are interested in