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But again, I want to reiterate that I will be attempting, through an amendment, to offset that tax on reconstruction labor, possibly today, probably tomorrow, if it's on the agenda, and I just hope members will have an open mind as I endeavor to do that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Louden, followed by Senator Brown.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. Since I've been here, since January, why, of course, my observation has been that we rule by consensus. We have to have a consensus of 25 senators in order to move a bill or to attach any amendments, and some of the serious things that have to be done sometimes you have to have a consensus of 30 people or 33. But anyway, that's where our power is, is with a consensus. As these bills moved through the process, there were amendments that I voted against, there were some amendments I didn't vote for, there were parts of LB 759 that I didn't like. And I agree with Senator Synowiecki, that I thought one of the other vehicles was something that I preferred. But nonetheless, when we got to this point, why, we are coming up with a consensus, and that's what the power of the Legislature is all about, is consensus. I have to agree with Governor Johanns that this whole tax package probably isn't exactly the object of my dreams, but nonetheless my observation is it probably can cook. And at the present time this is what we need, is something that can cook, to get the state back on its footing again and move forward with some of our governmental obligations that have to be done. We have to be careful that we don't cut into our school aid. When we do that, we push it onto property taxes. There's various aspects that we have to be very careful about. And I think at the present time the package that we have before us is something that I can support through and through and that's how I intend to vote for it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Brown, on the motion to override.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I appreciate someone who knows where they're going, and Senator Brashear has known where