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CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I do. Senator Chambers would move to bracket LR 3CA.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have a reason for doing this. I'm not going to vote to bracket. I would like to have a way that Senator Beutler can obtain a test vote. If you would support advancing the bill, don't vote for the bracket motion because if you vote for the bracket motion in the numbers that would support the bill, then the bill would be bracketed. I don't want to bracket it. I couldn't think of any other way to get a test vote. And I think what Senator Beutler is asking for is reasonable, but there's no way he can get a show of hands. So if you are not going to support advancing the bill, vote yes to bracket so we will know those who are opposed to advancing the bill. If you are not, I mean if you are going to support advancing the bill, don't vote for the bracket motion. Or, so we'll have something on the board, and it might be less complicated, if you're going to vote for advancement of the bill, vote no on the bracket motion. There should be some action by us, each person. If you're going to vote to advance the bill, vote no on the bracket motion. If you're not going to vote to advance it, vote yes on the bracket motion. I don't think Senator Beutler is going to be angry at anybody if they're not going to vote to advance the bill, but he at least wants to know. I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you respond?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, if you would object to this being done, I will withdraw that motion, but I can't think of any other way to get something done so you will know. So what do you think about doing it this way?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, your idea is very innovative, and I very much appreciate it. I'd leave it open to discussion. If people resent or don't like this mechanism, they should say so and you can withdraw it. If they think it's a fair way of giving an indication in this odd situation of what they intend