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support. I sit and listen. I listen to everything. I have an open mind and...but again, I'm just trying to give us a little dose of reality here. We do have a lot to discuss and if this has promise and hope, you know, if you feel you have a majority any time, you know, it's probably wise to make things better. But again, I just want us to stop and look at what we're doing and take a look at why and take a look at where we...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR COMBS: ...want to be. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Mr. Clerk, for a motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Smith would move to bracket the constitutional amendment until April 15, 2004.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, to open on your bracket motion till April 15, '04.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I proposed this motion and I did so only after inquiring to see if it was still possible to take up the business on April 15, on the final day. I'm not one that's a real big fan of putting this off. I don't want...I would rather take up the issue now, but in the interest of time I believe this is a very fair motion that allows the body to adopt or to take up the business on April 15. It's possible, because it's a constitutional amendment, to treat it different than statute changes. It is possible to take up that business on April 15. Is it a short time frame? Yes. If there's a deal to be made, so to speak, that's possible. Also, there's LR 11CA that's out there on Select File; was on Final Reading, if you recall, last year. There are other options. And I believe this is a way of proposing that, hey, we move on, get some other business done. And does it put pressure on the proponents? Absolutely, but not as much as you might think because there is LR 11CA out there and there is the possibility of taking up the business necessary on LR 14CA, should it move quickly. And this is...I'm