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some time, and I see that he is in the Chamber, so as he makes his way to his microphone, I would yield my time to the Speaker, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Bromm, you're recognized.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. How much time is there?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Two minutes and forty-seven seconds.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, and thank you very much, Senator Erdman. Just wanted to share some thoughts with the body. This is a very important bill. The budget package is all important. In the last two days, we've had one substantive vote that I can remember and that was to adjourn. Any idea that has been...has been placed before us has been debated extensively, withdrawn and refiled, and I don't see that we're making a good deal of progress by doing that. Maybe I'm missing something. But I would much rather see us vote on these ideas if they're going to...unless the proponents decide after the debate they don't want the idea. But to withdraw it and then refile it, and bring...come back and do it again, we're going to be in a posture where we don't do anything else if that continues. We could...we could either vote on some ideas, if we can...if we can all cooperate to do that, and if we still don't have a consensus we can either...the consensus can be we're going to do nothing, and advance the bill, or we can bracket it a day and see what discussions you all want to have off the floor and bring it back, and go on to LB 1091 and LB 1093, and there's many bills that I know all of you have that we'd all like to deal with next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and so on, but we're not going to get there. And there's nothing more important than the budget, don't misunderstand me, but I'm just suggesting that I think it would behoove us if we can find a way to either vote on some ideas that you really want to get...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...that you want to test the temperature of the