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Senator Mossey's bill, and Senator Vrtiska's bill, LB 1012, which by all indications, are significant bills and are bills that many people would like to get done and we know of no serious objections or resistance to those bills. So if we follow this course of action, I think there's a chance, if the body wishes, that we could get through LB 850 and LB 1012 after some brief discussion on LB 1253 and LB 1046, get LB 958 advanced, and you would have done a pretty good day's work and a lot of work for the week. So that's the suggestion. Certainly no one is bound by that, but I would like to ask Senator Foley if this process that I've outlined, if he is agreeable to that process?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Foley, would you respond?

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Bromm. I recognize that there are a number of bills on Select File that arrived on Select File ahead of this bill, presuming the body advances the bill to Select, and that those bills will need to be heard. I also recognize that some of those bills are difficult bills but I'm hopeful that, maybe it's the Easter season, that some of those bills can be resolved and we can move those bills quickly and return to this bill and for further debate on Select File. Whether or not that will happen, I don't know. I realize that there is a heavy Select File agenda ahead of my bill but I certainly don't want to close the door to further debate on this bill on Select File if the other bills ahead of it get resolved and get moved to Final.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Foley, there also are bills on Final Reading that need to be returned to Select File for amendments, and if we don't get that done on Tuesday, those bills can't be amended, and some of those are show stoppers, so to speak, if we don't get them amended and get them back onto Final Reading, and also wait until they get back down to the Legislature to be read at the Clerk's desk so that they can lay over a day on Wednesday for Final Reading on Thursday. So, and while we're doing that, we're going to be doing some Final Reading, so I'm not... I want you to be very clear that I think it's very unlikely that your bill will get any time on Tuesday, or if it does, that it will be any significant time that might be needed for you to feel and