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SENATOR SMITH: Yes. Prior to that, I do have a point of order. If I might understand...Mr. President, you ruled that the amendment was withdrawn. Have you withdrawn that ruling, then?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I did rule that way, but it was my mistake. Senator Beutler said he did not say withdraw.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So I ruled then that it is pending. But your motion is a priority motion. You're moving to bracket. So that overrides AM1041.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to open on your bracket motion.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I, obviously, propose that the bill be bracketed until April 27. That was the number that I could come up with, as fast as I could. There's nothing sinister about that. It's intended to go into negotiations with Senator Beutler, if he wants to discuss that. I hope that that would be the case. I will say that there are parts of AM1041 that are good. I just have reservations of adopting that and then sending LB 588 to Final Reading without some further discussions. And I apologize if...I left early to leave town Friday. Well, not really early, but at a time that was certainly reasonable. I didn't realize Senator Beutler had called me until just this morning. I returned that call just as soon as I could, when he was in the meeting. And so I would value, very appropriately so, the opportunity to discuss further with Senator Beutler the fact that we can discuss these things. And I look forward to that opportunity. If...I would hope that Senator Beutler would agree to this, as what I would consider a friendly bracket motion. If he's uncomfortable with the date, I'm certainly amenable to another date that would still allow us to go into a friendly negotiation. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of