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the bracket motion presented by Senator Smith. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Beutler. Senator Smith, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR SMITH: I would defer to Senator Beutler, if he would wish to speak.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, we all know this is not a friendly bracket motion. This bill has been compromised along the way in dozens of different aspects. It has the approval of everybody, with, I don't know, the possible exception of Senator Erdman, on the Performance Audit Committee. We have discussed it on General File. My sense was that people were generally satisfied with how it's now been constructed. I don't know of any outside groups that are opposed to this bill, with the exception of possibly the Auditor. This is in line with the most conservative principles you could ever espouse, that principle being that we ought to review the performance of the agencies that we work with, we ought to see that they follow through and execute the laws in the manner that they should, and we ought to have a mechanism from time to time for reviewing that. You're going to be hearing a bill by Senator Bourne fairly shortly here. It's a priority bill having to do with rules and regulations, and suggesting a little closer touch with the Legislature in that respect. Everything we've done to this point in time, in my opinion, has been totally reasonable. And this discussion has been elevated to a level that, in my opinion, it entirely inappropriate. And I hope you will dispense with the bracket motion and move this bill forward. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Further discussion on the bracket motion. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Would Senator Beutler yield to some questions?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield?