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university's model and its mission to provide better workers for these companies. That is very shortsighted. And this bill ought not go anywhere. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, is there a motion on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, a priority motion: Senator Landis would move to bracket LB 312 until January 1, 2006.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Landis, to open on your motion.

SENATOR LANDIS: Maybe we've screwed up. Maybe we are going down the wrong path, and this is the chance to stop and turn around and send it back to the Revenue Committee. We're on a roll today of recommitting to the committee of origin, and this may be the case. Look, if we're going to do this, let's do it as the whole idea. If we've been too generous, if we've been too stupid, if we've been too craven, if we haven't balanced interests, let us know. Tell us to start over. That's what this motion does. It allows us to have a sense of the body as to whether or not we're overreaching. And we'll be instructed by that. Twenty-five votes, and we go back to the drawing board, and it's all over. I can live with that. There are things I wish I could have in this bill that are not there. There are standards I wish I could raise higher. I...by the way, I think... I have a concern with many of those same people that Senator Chambers does. I wish that I could find tools to get at those problems. And by the way, the kind of problem that we get at there is through a minimum wage law, which we should raise in this state. Senator Beutler should be congratulated for his work in the history of that piece. I will tell you that this...there is a piece that tries to reflect that thinking. And it says, if the job you create is less than 60 percent of a statewide average job, it doesn't count. You don't get an incentive for it. And let me tell you that that's a relatively healthy amount of money. It's still... I mean, it's... I think it's like \$18,000. Working up from there, working up from there, it is a sliding scale, which we do not now have. So the less beneficial the job is, the less credit that you get. However, maybe we should be exacting more. And if we do need to