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that this is going to have to be worked out in committee, or neither bill is going to go anywhere this year, as Senator Bourne just said. So I was disappointed. I thought if we could consider Landis' bill first and, perchance, it didn't get committed back to committee, then I probably would have voted for the reconsideration motion, and to bring the Bourne bill back out from committee. I don't...I don't want to play favorites, because my original point was it needed to be worked out. For some reason, then, today the reconsideration motion is up before LB 48, and it kind of screws up that whole scenario, because if I vote to not reconsider the Bourne bill this morning, then we get to LB 48 later today or tomorrow, or whenever it is, and we don't recommit it to committee, then I don't have a chance to undo what we've done to the Bourne bill, and that's not what I wanted to accomplish in the first place. So I...if somebody can help me strategize on how to get out of this, I would be happy to hear from them, but I intend not to vote for the reconsideration motion. I intend to vote to commit LB 48 back to committee. If that doesn't happen, then I think we're in trouble, because I don't think LB 48 will go anywhere this year, either. Now I did speak with the committee Chair just a few minutes ago, to ask him if these bills got put back in committee in a timely fashion, if we could get them back out here in a timely fashion so that they could be taken up this year. It would be probably difficult. I would be willing to work on a weekend or whatever it took to do, to make that happen, but I still don't know if we've got enough time left in the session to do that. So maybe what we're going to come down to in the final analysis, is dealing with it back here in January, after everybody...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...has had a chance to study the issues involved. I hope Senator Friend has got his light on again, so that he can talk about some of those issues. I would, though, make a commitment to both Senators Bourne and Landis, that I would put any hours necessary into it, to get something back out here on the floor this year. So with that, Mr. President, thank you very much.