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those numbers too high? And he'll put that in the form of a motion to bracket the bill for a week. I have suggested to him that a positive vote for that bracket motion means the tax package is too great, too big, too large; that a vote against the bracket would be treated as...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...a notion that says the tax cuts are appropriately sized. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have amendments to the committee amendments. As noted, Senator Beutler has a priority motion. Senator Beutler would move to bracket LB 968 until March 29, 2006.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I'm proposing this motion for one reason and that is to try to bifurcate or separate discussions, because there are really two separate ideas here that you should give affirmative answers to if, in fact, you want this tax package. The first question is, does the tax package fit with our appropriations package and with our revenues and appropriations generally? That is, does it make sense in terms of its scale? And I'm going to argue that it's too large. The second question then, if you...if you think it is too large, then the idea would be to vote for the motion, give the Revenue Committee a week to go back and scale it down, and not get involved in a debate as to whether you would like to cut income tax or sales tax or the earned income credit. If you think it's too large a package, let's send it back to the Revenue Committee and let them look at the elements of the package and figure out the best way to reduce it. If, on the other hand, you think you can do a package of this scale, then vote no on the motion and we'll immediately go in to the arguments with respect to the different kinds of taxes we're cutting and whether they're proportioned right, one to the