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individual measures or some of them in combination, would be appropriate to rectify a violation of this section. Why would I say there should be an investigation, and not let the words "the commission determines to be in the public interest" be sufficient? We don't have any standard by which that determination is to be made. There should be some kind of specific activity by the commission, once a violation has been determined. What I have read is language that is underlined, so I presume it is new language. So those who introduced and drafted this bill thought the words "deems just and reasonable" would be sufficient as a standard for deciding by the commission what kind of corrective...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...action should be taken. And since it says in this language, "Upon finding a violation of this section, the commission shall order appropriate corrective action, including..." so these actions that are listed are not exclusive. There are other expediciencies which the commission may embark upon. So I would require at least some kind of investigation, to be certain that the determination made with reference to a remedy is, in fact, reasonable and just, even though those words have been eliminated. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Discussion?
Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Chambers has outlined the situation. I think we find ourselves in filibuster mode. I think he's doing the math, saying it's 33; says his purpose here is to take up time. That's certainly the tool of reconsideration. On the other hand, I get it, we're doing the thing that we've done before, going back in, making minor adjustments. Senator Bourne, by the way, has four very substantive amendments ahead of us, but we can't get there, because we're in filibuster mode. We're told that this is a 33-vote matter, end of the situation. I get that. Senator Chambers, if you'd yield to a question?