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motion.

SENATOR FRIEND: Mr. President, thank you. Members of the Legislature, thank you. We've been kicking around the three options. I wanted to get some floor time right now. This bracket motion is a tool right now for Senator Landis and I to speak to this. This is extremely important right now. This piece of the conversation that we're going to have in regard to this bill is extremely important. I said from the outset here that I truly believed in my heart that if we could...I don't know that Senator Landis agreed with this initially and I don't know that he feels this way now, but in my heart I believed that that amendment that I proposed gave us opportunities for both investor owned and it gave us opportunities for metropolitan utilities districts and municipally owned to work together and move in a direction that wasn't reform. I believe that we may have an opportunity now to deal with that. I don't know whether to say thank you, or to work the rest of my time into Senator Landis' direction in order that he can speak to this. But this is very important because we are flipping and enhancing and potentially correcting some inadequate language that we have on the books right now still, if we go ahead through with this. What I would ask right now, I would like to yield the time to Senator Landis so he can speak to this issue and we can move forward, hopefully, with some alacrity.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Friend. A couple of moments ago I walked over, I talked to Senator Friend, and I, reading the street and knowing where we are, said I'll take the Friend amendment from yesterday. It's less than half a loaf, but it's some. I'm caught between a rock and a hard spot with a cloture vote that has to be done with some people that are gone. I don't need to keep grinding all of your time down to the nth degree when we have two or three days left. You'll remember that Senator Bourne said, I can't believe the body is turning down the Urban Affairs Chairman's amendment. Well, it took me a day to figure out that maybe that was the thing to have done. I'm slow; I'm coming around now. I'll accept the Friend amendment. What it does is this. It says we flip LB 78 for