

SPEAKER BAACK: Next motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Hall would move to overrule the Speaker's agenda so as to permit consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote on the advancement of LB 72.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise reluctantly to offer this motion to switch the Speaker's agenda. I don't do it lightly. It is not something that you see very often, but the issue of LB 72 has come up. It failed last time for lack of a vote. I happened to be out of the state on business and I apologize to the membership that I have to take time at this point in the agenda to do this. But today is the last day that it's available. It has been on the agenda for five days. It has been at the back of the agenda and we have not gotten to it. The only way to deal with it and allow it to have an opportunity is to first overrule the agenda and then deal with the subject matter and reconsider that vote. I would like to have this reconsideration first, the motion to overrule the agenda and then the reconsideration, take as little time as possible in terms of the debate. I don't think people are going to change their position on the issue at all. I think that this is something that can be done in 25 minutes before 5:00 p.m. I think a self-imposed time limit on this is appropriate and that's what I would like to see happen. It either has the votes or it doesn't and I believe that it's an important enough issue that it deserves an opportunity for reconsideration. I offer that motion subsequent to this motion to overrule the agenda. I would first ask the body's consideration of that.

SENATOR CONWAY PRESIDING

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Hall. First light is Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, obviously, I object to overruling the agenda. Senator Hall was caught in a situation that we often are caught in in this body and that as, I think Senator Landis indicated yesterday, as a citizen's body sometimes we are not always here because of conflicts with family and business but this is not an issue that has not had its chance to advance more than one time. In fact,