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FLOOR DEBATE

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SPEAKER BROMM: There will be a roll call vote in reverse order. Members, please return to the floor. Senator Combs. Senator Friend, please check in. Senator Kruse, Senator Synowiecki, and Senator Bourne. Senator Kruse and Senator Bourne. Senator Bourne. (Visitor introduced.) Senator Bourne is here. A roll call vote in reverse order has been requested. Members, the question before us is the adoption of FA1452, Senator Schimek. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 541.) 19 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is not adopted. I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken on the adoption of FA1452.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your reconsideration motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, because I cannot seem to make clear the arguments that I'm proposing, even when this bill goes away, I'm going to have to continue to discuss it on other bills. And I see some bills that can be impacted--LB 353, LB 560. I don't know how we can get to LB 644, but there's a possibility. So I'm not going to yield to the rural interests today. And I may not yield to them on any issues this session. They are getting smart, though. They're learning how to try to hang together. But they're not going to hang together all the time. Now, when people like Senator Mossey, from the city, and he's a former cop and he knows about safety, gets into their coalition, he needs to weigh not just the moment, but the long-term implications of that. Each one of us has items of interest to us. To me, children are very important. Now, if somebody is going to say the state should give a license to put children in a dangerous situation, then I don't believe he's sincere when he tries to bring some kind of bill to redefine sexual assault based on a part of one body touching another body. That's strictly political, to try to be used for a reelection campaign. I