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SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Chambers is right to think that I've asked my colleagues to consider calling the question. I am responsible for that. And there are 13 lights on. The question is, what do the 13 lights want to talk about--the bill, or the reconsideration? Why are the lights on? Senator Stuthman, is it that we're going to argue about that reconsideration is appropriate, or whether the bill is appropriate? Senator Redfield, are you going to talk about how we haven't talked enough about the issue and we need to reconsider, or are you going to talk about the bill itself? Is that true for Senator Beutler, Senator Friend? Senator Friend, is it...are we going to argue about the need to reconsider the bracket motion, or do you want to talk about the bill? My desire here to call the question is so that in fact we can take what has been four hours of priority motion debate, and get to the bill. And the 13 lights that are on are there to talk about the bill. So if the topic is the reconsideration, fair enough. For those of you who want to talk about the reconsideration, leave your lights on and make that the topic. But what's happening is, we get 13 lights because they really want to talk about the bill,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and then, if we ask to call the question, oh, there's an objection because we're not focusing on reconsideration. Has there been a word on the need to revote because there was a procedural flaw or an erroneous flaw of information? No. The contact has been about the bill. In which case, that's the topic we should be talking about. In which case, a call of the question on this motion so that we could then talk about the Redfield amendment, the Howard amendment, the Beutler amendment, the Chambers amendments if there are any, the committee amendments, is the appropriate thing to do. Thirteen lights are on, but I don't think they're there to talk about how a reconsideration is the appropriate thing to do at the moment. I think they're there because they want to talk about the bill. And the way to do that is to call the question on this motion, designed to delay. You've heard Senator Chambers. He's announced that he will use any tool in this thing. He's announced that delay is his tool. He's announced that he's trying to push this to cloture. So it's