

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I concur with the remarks of Senator Newell and Senator Lewis. I listened to Senator Kelly and Senator Murphy and others today infer that our fight was over the number of that bill and the substance of it which is absolutely incorrect. My vote was based upon the issue of the rule and I believe what we did today will haunt this body for a long time because Senator Kelly knows that he has several shots on General File and that reconsideration is your last chance. It is the last shootout. No lobbyist has talked to me about my position on 221. My position is my own because I think it is the only right decision. I could care less about the industry, the owners, but I am more concerned about what we did today to a rule on the reconsideration. The Speaker was absolutely correct. Senator Newell took his chance this morning and he lost but Senator Kelly has gotten so involved with this crusade that he can't see the trees for the forest. He still has, and I know he has got the votes to do this without reconsideration. I am absolutely sure of it. The point is what we did today, we argued over a rule this body has honored for a long, long time and that was use reconsideration when you get over to that end of the chart up there and you don't have many chances left and I ought to know because it has happened to me four times this session. I might go down in the world book of human achievements, lose three consecutive bills on Final Reading and reconsider three consecutive times and finally won because some of my votes were not here on those days and one day I was absent myself, it lost by one. That is what reconsideration is for, not over on General File where you have the opportunities to move the bill several times and I will stand on that and if I were Arlen Beam I would do a little bit better research than what he handed out. I would hate to pay for that because first of all, he is a lobbyist and I don't know where he stands on that bill that we are talking about, in fact I would want to forget the number, but I will say this. In the interest of young adults, 221 is not going to solve any problem. In fact, what you are doing is you are degrading young adults. You are saying they have no character, yet Senator Kelly will say, most all young adults are responsible young men and women so we are going to pass a bill for 3% and persecute the other 97% but I know that there is no sense to be logical. In fact, recently someone said to me, the trouble with you, Senator Koch, is you are too logical and I guess to be a politician logic should never be a