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PRESIDENT: Well lights of people that we have already heard this morning on the same subject, so the Chair is going to, to be consistent with his rulings earlier this year and say no to that request, which I know you are going to make and I'm going to say no ahead of time.

SENATOR NEWELL: In other words you feel that there has been enough debate on the reconsideration motion?

PRESIDENT: I feel that there has been plenty of debate and as Terry Carpenter used to say, when 25 people want to do something who is to argue with them. So that is going to be my answer.

SENATOR NEWELL: Do I get to close?

PRESIDENT: You may close, we are waiting for your close.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I think that this issue, the reconsideration motion, has not been discussed much on the question of reconsideration. I think that there are enough problems, there are enough questions unanswered that a little more time on this may, in fact, provide the clarifications that we need, may in fact exonerate Mr. Daub, may, in fact, clarify the issue that he had nothing to do with and that his statements were, in fact, consistent with the record and with the facts, and it may not. It is highly possible that there are some inconsistencies. It is highly possible that there are some problems. I think that there are some unanswered questions. The hearing was tumultuous at best. I think that this whole thing has been viewed as a very partisan activity, and it is not. It is not intended to be partisan. It is intended to find out exactly what the issues are and whether or not Mr. Daub participated, had any endeavor to try and rid himself of some of his opponents. If he did, I think that is reprehensible. If he acted with the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress that is reprehensible. But if he did not I think he has the responsibility not only to the people of Nebraska but to the Legislature to explain fully his involvement, to explain these issues fully and to set the records straight before the primary activity. I don't think that the clouds should remain. I don't think that questions should remain. I don't think doubt should remain. With that in mind I urge this body to accept the reconsideration motion, to hold the appointment until some more facts are unveiled we can always act in the remaining days of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Question is, the motion, the motion of Senator Marsh's Committee on Committees be reconsidered, the one on Hal Daub