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LB 192

SENATOR MARESH: I want to override the Chair on the Speaker's order that this bill be completed.

SENATOR CLARK: I am not going to change it at all. He's said 15 minutes and that is what it is going to be as far as I am concerned.

SENATOR MARESH: Well I talked to the Chair and he says to talk to the Clerk.

SENATOR CLARK: You talked to who?

SENATOR MARESH: I talked to the Speaker, I mean, and he said to talk to the Clerk about the motion.

SENATOR CLARK: You will have to overrule the Speaker's agenda to do that, and that takes 30 votes.

SENATOR MARESH: Right, I want to overrule the Speaker's agenda.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the overruling of the Speaker's agenda. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, regardless of my opinions on LB 192, consent calendar rules are clear. We have always stood by them. We know exactly what has happened when we go into consent calendar. Everybody plays this game the same and if you want your bill on consent calendar, you put it on there. If not and you want it under General File you go into that way. To my knowledge, two years ago when we did consent calendar extensively, we never broke the Speaker's agenda because we all knew the rules to begin with. We had a bill earlier today that came to the 15 minute deadline. What happened? We all abided by the rules. Now, if we have a mechanism like a consent calendar, it is only on the basis of all of us agreeing to those ground rules that we go forward. It is General File where we can play these kind of procedural games. But I, personally, have to think that the consent calendar is a contrived mechanism to allow bills which there is a large measure of unanimity on to get a quick but fair hearing and move on, and obviously LB 192 does not fit in that category. I don't think we should bend consent calendar from its normal mode of operation to conform to what happens to be a controversial bill. And for that reason I am going to vote against the Maresh motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would just like to very briefly, Mr.