

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, the comments in the discussion between Senator Higgins and Senator Clark just a minute ago that indicated that only the introducer can file a motion to reconsider and bring a bill back, I would point out to you that LB 208 was a committee bill, and Senator Koch, of course, as the Chairman of the committee has the right and the privilege to act as the introducer of that bill, but as a member of the Education Committee, I can also tell you that not everybody on the Education Committee is in favor of bringing this bill back. So for whatever that means to the members of this body, I think you should consider that. I think once again we are in a position where we have four distinct stages of debate, General File, Select File, we debate many times on Final Reading, and then now we are debating again once a bill has even been passed from Final Reading. So it means that...and this bill has been much debated on all three of those previous stages. Now we are in a position where we are debating again. If you don't win or don't get your way on the first three times, then you try it the fourth time and that is the procedure that is being used. Now if Senator Koch gets enough votes, then obviously that is as Senator Remmers indicated earlier 25 votes in this body and you are right. But I just suggest to you that we have got according to the calendar up there ten days left. There are a number of bills ahead of us that we haven't even debated yet once, let alone three times, that this bill has been around two years as you can tell by the low number on it, that it has been discussed at length, not only in the committee but out here on the floor, and here we are one more time taking up time debating this issue when we should be talking about something else it seems to me. If the people that are opponents of LB 208 at this point in time feel that strongly about it, then they should have been over in the Governor's office and got the Governor to veto it, and if the Governor sent it back with a veto message, I don't believe there is enough votes in this body to override his veto. It seems to me that is the procedure that the opponents back there behind the glass doors of this piece of legislation should have used and I, for one, am a little bit tired of them using us as pawns in trying to one more time come around to their way of thinking. So I oppose the Koch motion to reconsider LB 208.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.