

amendment that deserves a fair choice one way or another. We could very well vote in the body to reconsider and then vote the amendment down, and I think that would be just fair...that would be fine, if that is what the body decided to do. The body may very well turn around and pass the bill...the amendment. The question here is a question of fairness. May I remind the body that last year on LB 428, the motorcycle helmet bill, the bill was dead. We voted on the issue and the bill did not have enough votes to pass. Senator Landis and others got up on the floor and said there were five or six people gone, this was such an important issue that we filed a motion to reconsider, even though he did not support the bill. He filed a motion to reconsider because the body felt that it was an important enough issue, we debated it long enough, that it deserved a fair hearing with as many people here as possible, and the body did that, and the bill ended up passing. What the body did was say we think this is an issue that is important to some people in our state, therefore it deserves a fair shot with the majority of the people here, which we have today. And that is what I'm saying on the reconsideration motion. This reconsideration motion is not a motion of whether you support or not support the amendment, it's a vote on whether or not you support the concept of the majority of the representatives of the State of Nebraska being here to voice their opinion, their district's opinion on whether or not this is a good amendment or the bill, later on, is a good bill. That is all this reconsideration is. I think you can be very comfortable in voting for reconsideration in fairness to the body, as it would be on any case that...whether Senator Crosby, or I, or Senator Smith, or Senator Dierks, or whomever, if you have an important amendment that the body, because it's on a three-day weekend, it's on late afternoon or the break and many people are gone, it did not receive a fair hearing I, too, would be the first one to say even if I opposed your amendment you're right, it deserves a clear shot by the body. And that is what this reconsideration motion is. It's not about the amendment, it's saying let's get the amendment up again, let's give it a clear shot and let's debate the amendment. You can say all the comments pro, all the comments against, but when the smoke is gone the body will make a clear decision, a fair decision with most members here, and it's a decision that all of us will be able to live with because it got a fair shot in the Nebraska Legislature. That is what this vote, I think, is about. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Additional discussion on th