

motion to reconsider the motion filed by Senators Conway, Baack and Bernard-Stevens, on page 1015 of the Journal. Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: On the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: On the bill. Thank you. Any other discussion on the motion to reconsider? If not, for the purposes of closing, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I appreciate Senator Bernard-Stevens giving me the opportunity to close on this motion. The issue is one of reconsideration of the Conway amendment so that hopefully it can be adopted to the bill. The body, on the vote earlier, stated clearly and soundly that they wanted to see this amendment as part of the legislation. I have come to terms with that and feel that it is probably the appropriate way to go, that we should consider this based on the fact that the need, at present, is in Douglas County, and that to limit it at this time is an appropriate manner in which to draft LB 262 as the amendment would have it. The amendment does nothing more than that. It limits it to Douglas County, would have the tax take effect there and be utilized there for the capital construction. There is no provision in the bill to set up an additional layer of bureaucracy. The committee that Senator Crosby appropriately talks about is one that's currently in place and it is selected by the county board. We do not add to that through LB 262. It is a tax increase, that is correct. And it is a tax increase that would be used specifically and solely in the area of capital improvements, or those needs that would be determined by that group of individuals in place. With that, Mr. President, I would urge the body to vote in the affirmative with regard to the reconsideration motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the closing, and the question is, shall the reconsideration motion pass? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to reconsider.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion prevails. We are back to the amendment as found on page 1015 of the Journal. Discussion on that amendment? Any discussion? Senator Conway.