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the vote portrayed was the fact that there is more than just frustration with the process. There is frustration with the expenditures and how they have been handled in LB 812. You have not heard a word really about any of the other projects in LB 812 until just now. Virtually, no explanation or discussion of those issues until right now because the bill didn't have the E clause on it. And now they become the bait by which you are asked to jump on the hook with regard to advancing the bill with the E clause. I didn't hear one thing that Senator Hannibal talked about in his explanation that was of emergency nature. And many times we put the E clause on bills because it is an expedient thing to do. I can think of one, for example, that I talked about at least for a half a day on LB 371, had the E clause on it. What good reason was there for an E clause on that bill? Nobody seemed to know the answer to that question. The fact of the matter is that the vote has been taken and the decision has been made with regard to whether or not it passes. It passes, it just has to wait for probably 60 to 90 days with regard to when those contracts, or what Senator Hannibal talked about, can be let. All that work can be done up to point in time. Anybody that we're dealing with on a contractual basis will be more than willing to wait for the money to roll in. And I can't imagine that at this point...although maybe we are, maybe we're paying them up front, I mean, maybe that's the way we do it. Maybe we...as soon as the bill is going to be signed, we're going to cut checks to all these contractors, I don't know. But I have to think that what this situation is is just one of expediency and let's get this puppy out of the way and maybe the...the stench will go with it when we get done advancing it. I would urge the body to reject the reconsideration motion because I don't think there has been any good argument for it and I would urge you to do that at this point.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please, followed by Senator Moore and Senator Warner.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, I probably can add very little to what Senator Hall had to say and I will probably take five minutes not adding much to what he had to say, because I share...I share his frustrations. The process is just so predictable, so predictable that people that have been around a while could almost...could have almost written this scenario a month ago that members would have a concern about something in an appropriations bill. They would badger away. They would