

thought and they do need debate. And the way this issue has been going, it needs further debate right on up to maybe next year. But let us take consideration of where we are in our legislation on this bill. Let us vote down the reconsideration so that we can move ahead with our legislation. I ask that the rest of my time be given to Senator Bernard-Stevens.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Senator Bernard-Stevens.

**SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS:** Thank you, Senator Weihing. Again, and I think the question will be called here momentarily. I would again ask the people who are supporting 769 without any changes to listen to what I have to say because I am going to ask you to vote in a way that deep down you're not going to want to vote. But I think you may see the wisdom, hopefully, in what I'm trying to say. What we...what you have is a decision of not what's going to happen to 769 this session but where do you want to pick up 769 next session. If we reconsider, if we vote to reconsider, we will get to the suspension of the rules of which Senator Chambers has already filed a division of the question, of which that alone, no matter how the Chair rules, that alone will take the rest of this time and then we will pick up debate next year on whether or not the question will be divided, how it could be divided, if it is divided, which it can be divided. Now we're going to get into a question of should it be done that way ruleswise because, in essence, if Senator Chambers is correct, then we indeed have no cloture at all anymore. We can vote to suspend the rules but anyone then after we vote to suspend the rules to end debate, the person on the minority side can divide the question which, in fact, says we'll have unlimited debate on that. So we'll get into a cloture argument and that's where...if you vote to reconsider, that's where you will pick up the argument next year. That's where it will be picked up. The alternative is to vote not to reconsider, to wit, then the next motion pending will be a bracket motion to next session. Then the bill would be picked up under these circumstances. You would have then two Chambers amendments and then there already has been filed a motion, there already has been filed a motion to suspend the rules. A 60-day session, this bill is a senator's priority, would be one of the first bills brought up next session. And there isn't a time restraint at that point. There is an entire session and if the votes are truly there, it can move. I highly ask that the body not reconsider regardless of...