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PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, we have a priority motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Senator Ashford would move to reconsider the vote just taken on Senator Warner's amendment to the Schmit amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I voted no initially on the Warner amendment and I will be frank with you, I have had difficulty understanding this issue anyway and I was confused when I voted against the Warner amendment, and I am convinced that it is a broad-based problem in discussing this with other senators who have more familiarity with the...with the issue than I do. And so I would...I would move to reconsider. I think that there is a very valid reason that I simply missed when I voted to...voted no. So I would move to reconsider.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, I got up and spoke in complete confusion before on Senator Warner's amendment and in the small amount of time between when I spoke and the vote discussing it with my colleagues here I came to the conclusion that it does discriminate against the least amount of people. Like I said earlier, there is absolutely no way to implement this program without discriminating against someone. And I would simply support the reconsideration and hope you would adopt Senator Warner's amendment. What I said about the veto earlier, I picked up on the floor here. Where it came from, I don't know. I do believe that if that rumor is true, I feel this bill...and I would hope everyone on the floor here realizes that this bill is important enough that we can get it passed this year and we can do whatever we have to do, and I feel Senator Warner's amendment will indeed discriminate against the fewest people possible. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, on the reconsideration of the Warner amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, I just want to say that, as I had indicated earlier, broad public policy...and I think Senator Warner put it pretty plainly, when you look at the past, when we passed a bill in 1971 that created the DEC, we