

Senator Hannibal is drafting an amendment to this that should take care of some additional concerns and without reconsideration we aren't able to address the issue. So I would very much appreciate a vote to reconsider.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal, would you care to discuss the issue?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, I do rise to support the reconsideration motion. Senator Wesely did explain that the issue came upon us kind of late in the day. The amendment came upon me kind of late in the process and for that I apologize for not being better informed on exactly what the amendment was purporting to do. I do have some concerns with the amendment, the way it is drafted right now. I am going to be offering an amendment to the amendment, should we reconsider, that I think will at least alleviate some of my concerns and that is to suggest that the fine be in place because I do see a need for that ability by the Department of Health to levy a fine for people that are doing things or business owners that are doing things that they should not be doing, and it's kind of a closing of a loophole by having this in there. However, I also want to emphasize if this contractor is knowingly working on an asbestos project, as opposed to having an asbestos project become such when it wasn't intended to be. I will be offering that amendment. I was hoping that it would be down from bill drafters right now. It's just a one-word amendment. It isn't here but I think what Senator Wesely is willing to do, and I would ask him to respond in his closing that should we successfully reconsider or pass this motion and bring it back as though we have not taken a vote on the amendment, that Senator Wesely would allow it to drop down below some other amendments and give me more time to have the actual bill drafters' version before you so that we can handle it at that time. But, at this point, I would support the reconsideration motion so that we can continue on with this bill, which I think is a very good bill and needs to be passed this year.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the reconsideration motion. I did vote for the amendment the other day but I know that there was quite a little confusion as to just what the amendment did. But, as I read it