

yesterday as the body might have been a little anxious to adjourn because of the frustration of the topic on that particular time period and we had other things, more ceremonial things, to do. And one of the things that happened yesterday was that a senator's priority bill was, in essence, gutted out and then simply what was left was an amendment that Senator Lowell Johnson had. And, quite honestly, my...I guess my problem with that procedure, though I have no problem necessarily of what the majority of the body wants to do, but I do kind of have a sense of fairness and fair play when we use an amendment to an amendment procedure which takes a simple majority vote and a senator's priority bill, that had not really been discussed, we had spent most of the time discussing a Firsch amendment that was divided, and then we talked about Senator Johnson's amendment, we never really discussed the bill at all, that such a bill without real discussion of the merits of the bill could actually be gutted or defeated by a less than major...or less than 25 votes. In fact, I think there were 23 at the end. Mine certainly was there for the reconsideration purposes, so it probably, all practical purposes, was 22. And I filed the reconsideration motion yesterday and I was simply going to ask the body to decide which was they want to do, but I feel a sense of fair play simply to any senator in that circumstance where a priority bill that has been worked very hard for may have problems, which most priority bills do, because they're somewhat controversial in many cases, but any senator's priority bill to be deleted or gutted, in essence, on a less than 25 vote before the bill had actually really been debated on the merits, I really don't think that's a good procedure for the body to do. So I filed the reconsideration motion. I'll let the body obviously choose what they want to do. If the reconsideration motion is agreed to, then we would go back to the Landis amendment, to the amendment, and then I would then hope that we would defeat that amendment to the amendment which, in essence, gutted Senator Pirsch's priority bill, and that would then leave us to, if you can...if I do this correctly, Senator Pirsch's bill, LB 976, with a Johnson amendment. And then the body can deal with the Johnson amendment, up or down, whichever way it wants to do so, and then we'll finally get to the bill itself. And I think there's a lot to be said that Senator Pirsch, in a very excellent speech yesterday, a very moving speech, one of the things that she argued was that in the beginning that we don't want to begin "Christmas treeing" this particular bill with all the other bills that are out there because obviously now we're going to