

get...bring the politics into it. If we can keep the focus on the bill, we can keep the focus on trying to make it a good bill, I think it has a good chance of getting through this body and sending a strong message on what we're trying to do. But if we get into the politics of it and try to bring too many things into it and/or we start using the procedure of the amendment, the amendment routine, I think we run into problems on that and I simply would like to give, as I would any senator, a fair shot at a priority bill and if we don't agree with it, that's fine, but at least to have it debated and discussed on its merits. I hope the body approves the reconsideration motion.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, please, on the reconsideration.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. I do appreciate this and I guess I would ask your support in reconsidering the vote. In speaking with several people, I think maybe there was confusion. I hope there was. And I hope that you will give me the opportunity to present my bill without the clutter and confusion that has followed. I would hope that you would vote to reconsider and then defeat the Landis amendment so we will have clear-cut issues before us and the will of the body prevails. I'm willing to accept that. But I think it should be the majority and I hope that you will give me consideration in this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, how many times have I been shot down on this floor by virtue of an amendment with less than a majority? That's one of the weak...Senator Haberman says "not enough". Senator Haberman, you just wait. (Laugh) See, when I'm trying to be very serious, see what happens to me--kibitzers, peanut gallery shots. But I guess they got to take them when they can. But anyway, if the only argument that can be given for striking a very well thought out, carefully structured amendment is that you want to give a senator who has a priority bill a chance, that's weaker than cream. That's not even a worthwhile argument. And Senator Steve (sic)...Bernard...Senator Bernard-Stevens needed to look at this bill that he thinks is so great. For example, on page 2, this is some of the new language, "any person convicted of violating subsection (8) or (10) of this section shall not have the imposition or execution