

ladies and gentlemen, let's please hold it down. It is awfully hard to hear and we'd appreciate it if you would hold it down. Senator Smith, please, followed by Senator Hefner, and Senator Elmer.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I rise to also ask you to support the reconsideration motion, and I would just add a little bit to what Senator Schmit has already provided to you, and if I have some time left over, he can have the remainder of my time, but what I would like to do is just talk a little bit about the letter, which, by the way, I just received on the floor from someone else and hadn't even had the opportunity to see until this morning when the bill was being read. And I guess I take exception a little bit to those kind of tactics so that a person doesn't even have a chance to know what in the world is going on until you see the red lights going up there when, in fact, you had had green on Select File and thought that if there was going to be an attack, at least you could have discussed that before the vote came. But what I would like to do is just talk a little bit about the bottom of page 1, where they talk about the amendment which mandates that gasoline contains no more than 20 percent aromatic content, and then they go on to talk about it being made of the basis for crude oil, and so on and so forth. Okay, I just would like to remind you of something. In this State of Nebraska, no city will be affected by that mandate, no city in Nebraska will be affected by this, because none of our cities fall in the category that they are talking about here as far as that content is concerned. We are all what are considered to be, it is a category that is called "nonattainment" cities. In other words, we have not attained that level. None of our cities will be impacted by this. So keep that in mind as one of the reasons they have given for your not supporting this piece of legislation. The other thing, I would just like to talk a little bit about some of the things they have said on the Attorney General's Opinion, and we have been working hard in the last days trying to come up with a response to that Attorney General's Opinion which Senator LaVon Crosby requested, and I understand that, and I appreciate that, Senator Crosby. But what we have come up with is this kind of information, and I hope that we have some other people on the floor who can substantiate what I am trying to say here. We found that, in fact, you know, for our understanding is that the Legislature may enact law and appropriate funds in order to accomplish any proper public purpose. It is in the province of the Legislature