

stands, and that portion is very important. If the portion on reformulated fuels is a problem and it is definitely convincing to me and to Senator Smith and others, as has been pointed out by some of you, Senator Goodrich, Senator Crosby, and Senator Owen Elmer, we will work with you on it. But, ladies and gentlemen, do not throw the bill out the window because of a particular section (a) or any other portion of the bill. The bill is a step in the right direction. It is a long way, ladies and gentlemen, from what I wanted, a long, long way. I have compromised a long way...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...every time this bill has been brought to the floor. I have compromised every year that we have introduced the bill. We have seen all sorts of arguments but we have overcome them. We have an industry today and, ladies and gentlemen, it is the only really new industry that has been developed in this state in many, many years, in many years. And I think we are making a mistake if we do not reconsider our action on this bill. I ask you to give us a vote to reconsider the bill and, hopefully, to give it enough votes to pass on Final Reading. I think that you will find, in the total analysis, that you've made the right decision. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. And the question is, shall the bill be reconsidered? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It requires 30 votes. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to reconsider the vote on Final Reading of LB 1124.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. The question is, shall the bill pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 2007-08 of the Legislative Journal.) 30 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, 5 present and not voting on the final passage of 1124.

PRESIDENT: LB 1124 passes. Senator Crosby, you asked for permission a little while ago to say a word, and I offered that at the end of Final Reading, but we kind of have a break here, would you like to say it now?