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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Members, please record your presence. Please check in. Senator Ashford, Senator Chizek. Senator Moore, Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, would you please check in. Senator Chizek, please, record your presence. I had a request for the roll call in reverse. Mr. Clerk, please proceed with the roll call on the reconsideration motion.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2050-51 of the Legislative Journal.) 14 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. LB 898.

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, I have a second reconsideration motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Proceed.

CLERK: Senator Lynch would move to reconsider...I'm sorry, Senator Wesely would move to reconsider the Lynch motion with respect to the veto override of LB 187.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, again, Mr. Speaker, I'm offering this as a courtesy to Senator Lynch and an opportunity to address the issue again.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, I intend to withdraw this, obviously, because of the vote on the first motion. However, I guess I haven't talked that much about the process but I'll talk about it now. Our process is, to be completely frank, I think in place to serve the bureaucracies of the state and at best to make sure that no new ideas, good ideas, in fact, worthwhile and necessary legislation is passed. Lloyd C. Douglas used to write a book and I don't usually memorialize much but he used the term once, it was called "It's all used up." And that's what happens with our appropriations process. To be completely frank, what we should do in the 60-day session is do nothing except talk about how we spend the money, in the 90-day session talk about the hopes and dreams and wishes of everybody but also force the existing bureaucracies to justify what they do so that when we talk about new ideas we can talk about cutting out what now exists and seemingly continues to