

to support the reconsideration motion. I just feel that we need this bill with the emergency clause. Without the emergency clause on, it won't do us much good. We need it yet this year because of those 243 or 244 cases before the Supreme Court. Some of those decisions are going to come down fairly quickly and this is why we need it. A red vote or this bill means a vote against local government, because if we don't get this bill, I think that we could lose a lot of the \$30 million. I realize that we did pass LB 1 and LB 2 and I thank you for it, but I think that we need all three of these bills together. Like I said before, some of these cases will be decided fairly quickly. If we don't have the emergency clause on, the bill wouldn't take effect until February 15th and I think we have let the cat out of the bag by then. So I would urge you to please vote for the reconsideration motion and then vote for the bill with the emergency clause. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please. Senator Schmit, on the motion to reconsider. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Mr. Speaker and members, I have consistently voted against all the bills today, mainly for one reason. I think they were poorly drafted, poorly thought-out, knee-jerk reactions and I don't think we should be a reactionary Legislature. We should be dealing with these problems before they come up. Unfortunately, that isn't the case. But the only bill that I would consider voting for was LB 7, and now I would urge you to support reconsideration because I will change my vote although I am not convinced by anyone that this is the right thing to do. I would like to ask Senator Ashford a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, would you respond?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Would you...Senator Ashford, is it correct, will these cases be moved to the top of the agenda?

SENATOR ASHFORD: No, not as opposed to criminal cases. Is that what you're...they will not go above criminal cases, they go above civil cases.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: So there is no guarantee in anyone's mind that they will be heard before the first of the year?