

procedure here can be...can make a big difference, depending, obviously, how you vote. Number one, everyone in the body understands that we all at some time or another during the process of debate and deliberations will say to a friend, I am sorry I can't support you. I know you lost, but, shoot, I will give you a vote for reconsideration. I think you at least should have a chance. We do that all the time, and I think that is acceptable to do, so that people do have a chance. But there comes a time in the process when it's final, it's final, it's decision time. It is decision time. And I remember my first year here how I got burned right at this level of debate on a reconsideration on a bill that had failed. In this case, we have an A bill that failed. In a case three years ago, it was another bill that failed. A senator got up, who was not supportive of the measure and said, I think we need to give them another chance. I think everyone deserves a fair shot. I am going to go ahead and cast my vote to reconsider even though I am against the bill. It is the only fair thing to do. And do you know what happened? The bill that failed previously got 30 votes to be reconsidered on Final Reading, and it came back for reconsideration, and there were 25 votes then to pass it. So don't sit here on Final Reading and tell yourself I am going to have a fair chance, give everybody a fair chance, and that is the way it is going to be. What you really need to decide right now, do you support the A bill or not? If you do not support the A bill, you cannot support the reconsideration because by reconsideration you are setting the opportunity for a final decision on passage of the bill. It is decision time. If you do not support the A bill, you cannot, in my opinion, support the reconsideration. Otherwise you are deceiving yourselves. There is no bringing back anymore. This is it. That is point number one. Point number two is I think many people missed Senator Moore's comments. When this body decided not to pass LB 783 with the emergency clause, you set a chain of things that began to happen which I am not sure you are aware of yet. What you set is in the bill it basically says that on April 15th, I believe is the date, or before, there shall be transferred from the cash fund, the first year, \$3 million. Since it will not have the emergency clause, that cannot happen. There cannot be a transfer on or before that date because it will not be effective until that date...or until after that date. Therefore, the only way that you are going to be able to fund it for the first year is to take \$3 million directly out of the General Fund. Now that is fine, but as you all understand, Senator Rasmussen was talking last night saying she wished she