

Why doesn't Senator Wickersham join with Senator Lamb and these other senators in presenting to the communities that are to be benefitted the proposition for voting by the citizens to see if they are willing to be taxed to help this line that is going to help them. They can still buy it and turn it over to the operators, and if it is going to raise all this money, then it is going to be available for some kind of assistance to the localities, which will, through taxation, raise this money. All these jobs, all this financial growth that is going to occur, and the bill talks about businesses that are engaged in the transport or sale of goods or commodities which are sold or traded and interstate commerce. So they have the statutory authority right now but they don't want to do that because they know good and well that these people in these communities will answer the question that Senator Robinson posed the same way that most of us would answer it. We are not going to go for some fly-by-night scheme that those who will benefit directly from it don't want to put their money into. I don't think the reconsideration motion ought to be voted for. I think we ought to save Senator Ashford from himself. Of course, if he is your enemy, then you will vote for this reconsideration and it will hang his carcass out to dry. So maybe some of you who are angry with him on LB 355 could get even with him by giving him what he is asking for today. But this is why all prayers that are prayed are not answered according to the way people pray them because they don't realize what it is they are asking for. It is like parents often deny their children what they ask for. The child thinks he or she wants it but the parent, from experience and with greater wisdom and understanding, will say that is not in the best interest of the child. Yes, you'd like a full meal of cookies followed by cupcakes, then soda pop and ice cream for dessert, but you can't have that because it is not good for you. I hope, because of the way I feel about Senator Ashford, that we will rescue him, while at the same time laying this project, which should never have been before us, to rest. What should have been done, instead of reconsidering 783A, would have been a motion to suspend the Rule 7, 7(d) dealing with the fact that a bill on Final Reading cannot be reconsidered, suspend that rule.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then make a motion to reconsider the passage of LB 783 and vote it down. That is what should have been done once the confusion started, but neither Senator Howard Lamb nor