

promoting understanding between the different cultures in our state. It's becoming a bigger entity day by day, and there are many communities in our state that had an overwhelming number of Hispanics for instance move into them in the packing industry. There's lots of problems in that area, and I think we need to do everything we can to help support this understanding of the different cultures. So I would urge your support at helping to reconsider this...this piece of legislation. It's going to require 30 votes to bring it back, and then as I understand it only 25 again on...to vote on it in Final. So I'd just ask for your support in reconsidering this piece of legislation. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Landis followed by Senators Withem, Morrissey, Nelson, Elmer and Rasmussen. Senator Landis.

**SENATOR LANDIS:** Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd suggest that we separate two different issues. One of the issues is whether or not you are a supporter of 922, and all of us here know whether we are or not. Want to separate that issue from whether or not we deserve to reconsider this bill since it was not given the best of circumstances to pass, given the fact that it is controversial, by being up early in the morning with 33 people on the floor when it came here. Now, this is a different issue because it's an issue that relates to the topic of being a citizen Legislature. We are a citizen Legislature, which means that unlike people who have full time responsibilities here some of us have jobs elsewhere, responsibilities elsewhere, and we have to juggle what we do. And there are times when we can't be here on the floor because we're in an office, or doing a court case. We're on a buying mission, or we're off managing, or doing something else. And there comes a time when we can't be here to do our function because we are a citizen Legislature. It requires us to be understanding with each other as much as we can so that the fact that we are citizens and have other functions and responsibilities does not conflict with our performance, or as minimally as possible, in our performance as senators. I hope you'll separate the issue between whether you're a supporter of 922 from the issue of what we do for each other to help us make this body operate in the collegial fashion when, as citizen legislators, we're not here and an issue comes up with only 33 people on the floor at the time it's voted on. I would urge the reconsideration motion filed by Senator Dierks.