

something like this that has been heard a number of times. I would urge the body to sustain the Speaker, leave this thing at the bottom of the agenda. If we're going to work through everything tonight and get to it, it's on the agenda, we'll get to it but it would be a mistake at this point in time to overrule the agenda for this issue unless you're willing to overrule the agenda for all those General File priority bills that haven't even yet had one vote, let alone have three or four like LB 72.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Hefner, you're next.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose overruling the Speaker's agenda. I think Senator Baack has been very fair to all of us and has tried to prepare an agenda that we could debate. But now we come with a motion to overrule that agenda. If we overrule the agenda for this particular bill, why then I think we can see many more, many more motions to overrule the Chair. LB 72, I feel, got a fair shake last year. It has been on the agenda from time to time this year and was voted on. I know it's impossible for all of us to be here all the time, but that's a chance we take. Just like yesterday morning, at nine-thirty or maybe it was nine forty-five, there was only 33 here. So it's tough and hard when a person had a bill coming up. I had a bill coming up and I needed 33 votes for the emergency clause and I was doing a little sweating, but thank goodness enough of them arrived and, by the time there was a vote taken on my particular bill, there were 40 senators here and I thank you for that because it's rough when there's not enough people here to pass your bill. And I have opposed this bill from time to time because I think it's unfair for us to give community consent in this one particular instance. I know this is very important, but what are we going to do when a highway, a new highway wants to come through a farm? What do we do when a power line wants to come through a farm and there's many other instances where we do use eminent domain to do these. If we allow community consent in this instance, then I think we'd have to allow community consent in a lot of others. But we have a lot of important bills on Select File yet to try to get through and so I would urge you to vote against this motion.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Hall. Senator Ashford, please.