

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator, I think the answer to your question, following legislative practice is that if the vote were reconsidered, the advancement of LB 72 would be properly back before us. At that time, the issue could be amended, considered further.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: The next question then is, in our rules, on page 44, it says in subsection (i), "Any bill failing to receive 25 votes to advance to Enrollment and Review final, after two attempts, shall be indefinitely postponed." Is the bill dead now? It has failed last year, it failed this year to advance both time. I'm wondering if we are debating a bill that is, in fact, indefinitely postponed.

SENATOR CONWAY: As per our rules, you are correct, it is, in essence,...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: One final question for the Chair then. When a bill fails to advance from Select File, it also loses its priority status, if it fails on the second time? I'll ask that to the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator, I believe that the rules indicate that...I'm going to think for just a second. If a bill fails to advance once on Select File, at that stage it loses its priority designation.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: But if we reconsider it...what I'm getting at is if we get around to the reconsideration, if that happens, is LB 72 still a priority bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator, I believe the answer on that is that the bill was redesignated as a priority bill for this session. If the vote is nullified, then the bill is a priority bill that is properly before us...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Okay.

ASSISTANT CLERK: ...and can be advanced at that time.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Wesely, you're next.