

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Madam Speaker, members of the body, I oppose the reconsider motion, and could I have a gavel, please? I think that we had voted on this fairly and squarely, and if everybody reconsidered every bill that we lost, by the time you open and you close and three or four senators speak on it, that is two and three hours on every reconsider, and that would be the portion of the day. And we all got a message on our desks or in our rooms, when we passed LB 1063, from the Governor calling us statesmen. That little remark pales in comparison to what we are facing today, and I think that 49 senators here could be statesmen if we would take a look at what we are doing here. What we are doing here is merely stalling for time, and I see no reason to reconsider absolutely every bill on the floor, and which it could happen. It could come to that. It really could. I just urge the body to remember that we should be in our seats, we should be here in the final days. I know we are a citizen Legislature, we have other important things to do, but right now this is the most important thing in our lives and we should be at our desks to vote, and if you fail, you fail, and that is the way the legislative process runs, and I urge all the senators to be statesmen today and please don't reconsider every bill that has come up. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Bernard-Stevens, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to with...in a moment withdraw the reconsideration motion at this time, and I guess one of the reasons that I wanted to is that I did not want to get into a full-fledged debate on the issue, and I think at this point, if we really worked it and really worked hard, and the 11 or so that did not vote would vote, I think there would be 25 votes to reconsider and I think there would be 25 votes to put this one, put this on the bill, 1119 (sic). I also think that if that would happen, 1119 may very well be in jeopardy, and there are some things that we really need to do in 11...or excuse me, 1019. There is some things we need to do. One of the reasons I wanted...I felt that we did not make an adequate point and I hope the health care area is listening. There are 21 people that voted for the amendment. I was not one of them at that time. I very well may be one of the next people that votes for it in the next session