

when maybe it should have been invoked. More than once we've come back into this body and done reconsiderations because of the absence of a member or two of the day of the vote and then a day or so later we end up having to reconsider that vote now that that member is present. When you're on the last day of the session there will not be that opportunity to have a reconsideration at a future date when that member is present and so therein lies the reason for the request at this time. I think this happens to be a bit of a unique situation, a Final Reading day of a final...of a session that will adjourn sine die within a few hours, I suspect, and so I don't think it's inordinate. I think it's a situation to be able to at least battle the minority opinion when, in fact, the minority opinion is in a position to be in control. So that is why I requested it and I hope the body, at least 25 members will support it and, again, if you don't that's certainly your prerogative. But I don't think it can ever be invoked in a whimsical way.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I rise to explain what happened to me in 1977. I was home ill. I was excused and because there is a question as to whether or not you were excused or unexcused, I was excused for the day and I told the Clerk at that time when he called and then told me I had to return to Lincoln or come down to Lincoln and vote on a Final Reading on state aid to education, I informed him that I was ill and I was home alone and there was no way I was going to drive down to Lincoln. In a few minutes I got a return call and said the State Patrol would be at my door within five or ten minutes, which they were, I wasn't even fully dressed when they arrived, and they brought me down and I must say that they didn't drive me all the way to Lincoln. They stopped at the Platte River bridge and told me I had to change cars because they were out...didn't want to go out of their area. So I actually came down in two State Patrol cars and I arrived here, it was very late and the senators were sitting here very quietly reading the evening paper and they had to wait over an hour for me to get here. But I did want to say that I was excused at the time, I was ill, but I was forced to come down. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of