

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: I won't take very much time, but I...I have considerable amount of questions and suggested amendments that I intend to offer on Select File. And if it is on Select File and on consent, that it may have some trouble with the fifteen minutes. I just don't want it to become a Christmas tree for a lot of things that may be in this area. And with that, I will shut up

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I enter the debate here, not on the merits of the bill, itself, but on the concept of consent calendar, and maybe just a little warning to people. People are expecting maybe to have a major policy debate on this bill or other bills on Select File. It is my intention this year, because of the squeeze that we are having in the agenda, that if a bill moves off of General File on consent rules, that it will either stay on consent, and you won't have this opportunity to do your major policy debate later on, or if it is pulled off of consent, it will take its regular place on the agenda, which means it may not come up again. So, to the members, if you have problems with bills and don't think they ought to be on consent calendar, that is what the three senator rule is for, and I'd urge you to do that. I'd urge you to take bills off if they are bills that need major policy debate. Do the right thing and don't have them be on consent and don't feel constrained with that purpose. With that, I don't want to talk the bill to death either, so I will shut up.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you. Any further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, you have nine seconds. Senator Beutler waives closing. The question before you is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 120. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Preister, there is no time left. You may... Mr. Clerk, items for the record.