

Senator Withem, do you wish to close?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I guess I filed the motion just because I know at this time of the session, and I'm going to be one of them that will be on everybody's back here in the near future about moving along, but I don't think we ought to move along to the point where we just push aside meaningful debate and meaningful discussion on the bills before us. This is a bill that, and I know, Senator Dierks, I've listened to that part of the debate where he is explaining away a \$6 million fiscal note by saying he just doesn't believe it. Senator Dierks, I've had lots of bills where I would have liked to convince the body that the fiscal note was wrong, but that's kind of the confines in which we work under here in the Legislature. I think a bill of that importance needs to have full discussion and I was concerned that what appeared to be a manner of clarification of the bill had just been pushed aside simply because, and this is not a characterization of what Senator Dierks said, but this is the impression I got that the body indicated we've got the votes by golly and we're just going to push this thing on through. So I wanted to hear a further explanation as to whether there was a policy rationale as to why this amendment did not have any policy rationale. Senator Warner gave one so at least there was an explanation as to why the amendment might do some harm to the bill and not just clarify it. I'm not one that normally files reconsideration motions. I did it to hear a little more debate on this. Having heard that debate I will withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. It is withdrawn. Is there anything further on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing pending at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any further discussion on LB 106? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this still is not a good bill. Senator Dierks, our discussion helped you to get your bill advanced. It will advance now no matter what. Good tactic. I'm not saying you did it intentionally, but you are the one who did it and you did reduce it to the level of I've got the votes. Well maybe you have and you probably have, but it should be a tip to the rest of you when you have a bill that I don't like. Just inject that into it. Then tell me I'm hypersensitive because that is