

people say, for instance, oh, let's just, let's just let them have their bill, it's their priority bill, let them have a discussion on General File, we just won't vote to advance the bill then, and everything will be fine. No, everything won't be fine because you're going to, you're going to waste the most precious commodity we have in here at this time of a 60-day session, and that is time. Do what you want. Vote your conscience. Vote what you think is right. But don't vote just because it's another senator's priority bill,...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...to keep it alive, because by doing so you're going to end up damaging other pieces of legislation. I, for one, do not plan to support this bill, and for that reason I am going to vote to reconsider this motion.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I would like to give my time to Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I rise in opposition to the motion to reconsider placing LB 943 on General File. On January 16, the eighth day of the session, I declared LB 943 as my priority bill. I was the tenth senator to declare a bill. And this seems to be a problem for some in this body. Why does a senator select a certain bill as their priority? We make that designation because we believe our bill is important. We make a priority designation because we believe our bill will have a positive impact for people in the state. LB 943 is not only important for my constituents and law enforcement agencies, but it's important to people and law enforcement agencies in Nebraska from Omaha to Scottsbluff. I believe the body should have the opportunity to debate LB 943 this session. Yesterday, 29 other members voted with me to move this bill to General File. The merits of this bill are just as important today as they were yesterday. I believe, as I stated yesterday, that a vast majority of Nebraskans, if aware or educated about this issue, would support this bill. I urge you to consider 943 on its merits. Do not let a single senator or a small group of