

SPEAKER WITHEM: Or if a gal were going to bracket the bill.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Okay. Guys or gals, yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It's my understanding, yeah.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: So 25 votes, either way.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That's my understanding, yeah.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Okay, thank you very much. I'm going to oppose this reconsideration. I think it'd be much better and it would look better to this body if we would let the senators discuss the bill, and then if we find out it isn't going to go, then bracket it. It takes the same amount of votes. It doesn't look good for this body to come in one day and give 30 votes to have it discussed, and then come back the next day and say, no, we're not going to, it takes 25. Let's let them discuss the bill, and then when it's up, if we find out it's going to take too long and there's, it gets bogged down, then bracket the bill. My bill was bracketed. I didn't want to see it bracketed, but it was. But that's the way things work here. But at least it was discussed. Let's let them discuss the bill for a short time, or a long time, or whatever it takes. But if it bogs down, then bracket the bill. I think we're going about it wrong. It looks bad. It's not something that this body should be doing. How can we change from one day to the next, from 30 votes and then 25 votes? I don't think it's fair to those two senators that it takes five votes less to reconsider. Let's let them go and discuss the bill, and then bracket the bill if we find out it is. But at least they would have a chance to discuss the bill and let their views be known. I'm going to oppose it at this time. I don't think it's the right way to do business in this body. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just briefly, Mr. President. I actually was going to call the question, but I sense other people wish to speak and I also gave the Speaker my assurances that I would not take a long time. So I'm in a quandary, but I will take a few minutes and yield the rest to Senator Brashear. Hopefully we can...I think the body knows what the issue is and