

not going to talk to, I guess, get into the, defending the committee's actions. I think there are some inaccuracies maybe on what exactly the committee did. What I want to talk just a second about is the perception that the reason to vote for the reconsideration is because of a filibuster threatened by any one or more senators. And I don't think... I think there's a misconstruing of what people's position is with respect to that. It's not a fear that one person is going to monopolize the time on the floor. Rather I think what it is, is you have a limited amount of time, you have a limited, or you have a large number of bills, many of them complex, which are going to take an enormous amount of time, for example, property tax, which I think all of us will agree that most people in this state have way up at the top of their list. But given the fact that we have those issues that are going to be out there in front of us, the question is, how do we allocate that resource, that time, which is all we have to work with, how do we allocate that time? And what I have gathered from some of those who have indicated their intent to reconsider is simply, it's not being backed off by a threat, it's just saying, we've got this much time, this is how we want to utilize it. These are the issues that I have to, that I think this Legislature ought to get to. And I think that's what they're saying. And for me, property tax, I think is that issue. If it wasn't for most people they wouldn't be concerned with the petition drives that are going on to make that decision for us. And while this may, LB 943 may be, and is, I'm sure, important to Senator Hudkins and Senator Stuhr, I don't think there's any petition drives out there by citizens saying, let's get this done. There are not one but several petition drives out there on property tax. It is coming. And if we don't act on property tax, the public will act on property tax. And I think that tells you much more than any polls that we use for our campaign purposes what is important to the public. And I think that's what... I would hope people aren't viewing anybody who was reconsidering this as being afraid of a filibuster. We've all survived enough filibusters that I don't think that's where the fear is. I think the fear is we got so much time, let's use it on those issues that are the most important issues to the body. And I think that's what people are making those decisions, and I think everybody is entitled to make that choice as far as prioritizing to them what are the most important issues to discuss. And if in prioritizing those, LB 943 isn't near the top, then I think they come down on the side of reconsideration. And I think that's a legitimate