

people said they wanted in the bill and then, when he offered them what they said they wanted, they voted against it, so I don't understand that. But I think we're taking up too much time. I think we're taking up too much time on this bill. We have an opportunity on 964 on Final Reading to vote against it, to vote against its advancement. If...sometimes I guess you just get to a point where, you know, that's a decision that we all have to make. There are a lot of other bills to consider, not a lot of time and even I, Senator Bernard-Stevens, as a person who has consumed a lot of time on a lot of bills and stood and said, no, I absolutely can't allow this to go through, am learning that there is a process here and there may be times when you have to know when to fold 'em and I think this is one of those times, so I will be voting against the reconsideration motion, but I will also be voting against 964 on Final Reading. It's a bad, bad bill in its present form. We have gone...I would much rather see this come to the Government Committee for an interim study and put this together in a reasonable, careful way through the Government Committee. We won't get that opportunity if they have the majority of votes. That's probably the better process, but sometimes we don't have the time to do that here in Nebraska. So I'll be urging people to vote against it on Final Reading, but I will not be voting to reconsider it at this time. It's just...we've already...we've already rejected the Maurstad amendment and we were on the bill and I'll adhere to that. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: You're welcome, Mr. Speaker. The...I appreciate Senator Witek's comments because I know she has been against the bill for good reasons and I certainly have concurred with most of those reasons. I think the reason that I am...maybe it's Senator Robinson that put me over the brink, I'm not sure, but I guess my position at this point is maybe...I suspect the bill probably will make it to Final Reading, but it's just not going to today and I don't care to get into all the specific reasons behind it. Senator Cudaback, would you yield to some questions, please?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers, while Senator Cudaback's going, I hope you appreciate...