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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, I'll be very brief. We are a nation of laws and that's the thin that makes us great. Now many of us have served on various boards. Senator Kristensen mentioned the Appropriations Committee and how difficult it is to go through individual circumstances and decide how to handle these matters. Though...many of you have served on school boards, city councils, county boards, and you've all faced the same situation. When you make a decision that's precedent for the next decision that you're going to have to make. And we, as a Legislature, have to watch the criteria by which we make determinations, and if we do it on an individual basis and say, well, this sounds like a sad story, this sounds like a good story, and make it on that kind of a basis, we're setting ourselves up for almost an impossible way of governing. We have a very definite rule here. We have a statute of limitations. And I think that it's incumbent upon us to recognize that if we do not follow the precedent that's set by saying this is the law, this law shall be applied, I think we are setting an impossible standard for ourselves. I would urge that we adopt the reconsideration motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you. Call the question, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Debate is ceased. Senator Bromm, you're recognized to close on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR BROMM: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, I'm going to ask for a call of the house while we're closing.