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think sometimes I don't pay close enough attention and this caught me downstairs, and I apologize for that, having to go back through this, or I certainly would have raised the questions while we were going (sic) that. And I certainly hope that folks who have these small, little lakes in their area would maybe take a moment to listen to this and maybe look at how this is. And I am going to go forward with the reconsider motion, because while I understand Game and Parks at this time they do not do that, even though it's in rules and regulations, I'm uncomfortable having it put in statute. And so at this time, you know, I would be glad to try to answer any questions, but I would hope that the body would recommend to reconsider the vote taken on AM1686, which changed the terminology from "personal watercraft" to "motorboat". Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We are discussing the reconsider motion to AM1686 that was adopted to LB 176. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. In some of the discussions and research regarding this issue, we may run into some problems with discriminating between personal watercraft and a typical motorboat, as we might know it and in different situations. So, I think what needs to be done is put that all together. And I would certainly entertain some exemptions maybe for a private facility and some special circumstances. But to draw different lines in different places, and we're facing some litigation, I believe, and that's already been done in some other states. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Chris Peterson on the reconsideration motion.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Senator Smith, would...could I visit with you then about this? You're saying that we need to make personal watercraft become a class of motorboat? That is the reason being...again, I apologize.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Smith?

SENATOR SMITH: Well, the attempt and intent was to level that playing field and consider personal watercraft as a motorboat, just like, you know, they're the same and they would be facing