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kind of evolved a process here where, you know, more and more of those senators who want to stand and point out deficiencies in bills, make arguments as to why bills shouldn't pass, are kind of scorned and that ought not to be the process. And I am not saying that for your benefit, Senator Chambers, there are lots of us in here who have objections to legislation who, when we stand and voice those, we're somehow viewed as not being team players, not getting along, where the burden ought to be on the other hand. We ought not to just assume bills will pass because they are on the agenda and assume that we are going to vote yes until shown that we ought to vote no, the burden ought to be on the introducer...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...to convince the majority that bills are, in fact, needed and that they should, in fact, pass. So I think, you know, Senator Chambers raising this whole issue of how we deal with consent is of value to the body. I am sensing that a vast majority of the members today are more interested in getting their bills introduced, want to get onto the next step here, get the permanent rules adopted, but I think, although I do not support this rule change, and I do also believe that I can put together without this an agenda that has...that has a particular set of bills special ordered with fifteen minute time limits. I think it is also important that we realize that we don't have a God-given right to have all our bills passed on consent just because we've been able to convince three members on a committee, who may not have liked the bill, to not vote no on it. I think we really do need to evaluate how we handle this consent calendar, maybe use it a lot more...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...wisely than we have in the past. So thank you for bringing this, Senator Chambers, but I'd urge people to vote against it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, and, Senator Withem, I appreciate the comments that you made because they go much more deeply into the whole question than I did during my opening statements. But what the body needs to keep in mind, if that's possible, is that there are lobbyists