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the same time make good rules, make good rules that enhance the fact and the appearance of propriety, that we should do that whenever we can. It's interesting that every lawyer, including Senator Landis, is subject to a rule involving the appearance of impropriety, and all of our judges are subject to an ethics rule relating to the appearance of impropriety.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: We discipline bar people on the basis of the impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, because we say with regard to judges and the judiciary that the appearance is important, it's important to the status and symbol of authority, and it's even as much true with us as it is with the judges who handle the executive...the judicial branch and it's important to the Governor and those who lead the executive branch. The appearance of impropriety is important. Perception is maybe not everything, but perception is a lot in our system. We know that. We understand that.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Having said all that, I withdraw the amendment, Mr. Lieutenant...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Smith and others would move to reconsider the adoption of AM3353, which was previously adopted.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith, you're recognized to open on your motion to reconsider the previous question.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I offer this motion because a lot of the dialogue that's taken place and I, now that I have more information and I think practical scenarios have come up that I think would apply in this situation, I would like to reconsider. I've watched this issue throughout committee. I've been enlightened in many cases, also a little discouraged by some of the...the testimony in hearings and