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PRESIDENT: All right, read that to them, will you?

CLERK: Mr. President, Article IV, Section 15 of the Nebraska Constitution reads as follows: Every bill passed by the Legislature before it becomes a law shall be presented to the Governor. If he approves he shall sign it, and thereupon it shall become a law, but if he does not approve or reduces any item or items of appropriations, he shall return it with his objections to the Legislature, which shall enter the objections at large upon its journal, and proceed to reconsider the bill with the objections as a whole, or proceed to reconsider individually the item or items disapproved or reduced. If then three-fifths of the members elected agree to pass the bill with objections it shall become a law, or if three-fifths of the members elected agree to repass any item or items disapproved or reduced, the bill with such repassage shall become a law. In all cases the vote shall be determined by yeas and nays...would you like me to go on, Senator?

SENATOR MURPHY: No, I think you...

PRESIDENT: The word "reconsideration" was in there. I heard it. I still don't see that it applies.

SENATOR MURPHY: Would you proceed then, Pat? I wouldn't want to leave anything out of this.

CLERK: In all cases the vote shall be determined by the yeas and nays, to be entered upon the journal. Any bill which shall not be returned by the Governor within five days after it shall have been presented to him, shall become a law in like manner as if he had signed it; unless the Legislature by their adjournment prevents its return; in which case it shall be filed, with his objections, in the office of the Secretary of State within five days after such adjournment, or become a law. The Governor may disapprove or reduce any item or items of appropriations contained in bills passed by the Legislature, and the item or items so disapproved shall be stricken therefrom, and the items reduced shall remain as reduced unless the Legislature has reconsidered the item or items disapproved or reduced and has repassed any such item or items over the objection of the Governor by a three-fifths approval of the members elected.

SENATOR MURPHY: Now then, Mr. President, three times in the Constitution in that specific section it refers to consideration of overriding the veto as reconsideration. I hope you won't have the audacity to say that is not so.

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