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doing the business of the people of Nebraska and it should be done scholarly, diligently, with integrity. I am supporting Senator Murphy's position and I am opposing the Chair's position and I am doing it, Governor Luedtke, because I believe that a reconsideration vote is an override vote. This Legislature made a determination and passed a bill and sent it to the Governor. Now the Governor made his determination which was different than the Legislature's and we have the privilege of reconsidering rather than having the Governor's decision stand unopposed. If you remember, Lieutenant Governor Luedtke, just a few years ago we did not have this right to reconsider our actions line by line. We took the bill or we took nothing. When we instituted that we can line item override vetoes, we are doing it on the basis of a reconsideration. We spoke when we passed the bill. The Governor spoke when he vetoed. We get a second change. The Governor does not. We should not be allowed two chances. You can see on the very face of it that that is unfair and an overburden on the administration.

PRESIDENT: Time is up, Senator.

SENATOR KELLY: I support Senator Murphy and I opposed the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carried. Debate ceases. Senator Murphy, you may close.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would simply point out to the members of this body that once again there is an attempt to gerrymander procedures in here outside the confines of not only your rules but of the Constitution. The Constitution says three times it is reconsideration. Your rules say it shall not be in order to reconsider a reconsideration motion having once been considered. Now you are the people who are going to live in the future with your rules and you are the people who are going to decide and I think this is going to be a rather substantial decision, that all this discussion of what we used to do in the good old days and how we have been doing it, when it is to our convenience to abridge our rules, you are creating for yourselves a morass that I don't know how you will ever be certain of anything as far as procedures in this body go. I suggest that we overrule the

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