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the process of the consent calendar that you can move it over. So I oppose the rule change of 30 votes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Haberman. There being no other lights for recognition, the Chair recognizes Senator Morehead to close.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body, again we are espousing two philosophies here which should be carefully considered by the body. Earlier we talked about the number of votes it takes to draw up bills or resolutions from the committee. As it stands now, it will take 30 votes to bring a bill which is indefinitely postponed by a committee from that committee by members of this legislative body to the floor for deliberation. As it stands now, if a bill is to be indefinitely postponed on the floor and reconsidered, it will take 25 votes to reconsider that measure which was indefinitely postponed. Originally Senator Hoagland had wanted it to take 30 votes to reconsider on General File debate, but the committee decided, and I think this would concur with Senator Chambers' philosophy, that possibly that was a little too steep because in analyzing the records there was only one issue that would have received 30 votes on General File for reconsideration out of the many issues that were offered. This was not enough, we felt, so we left the number of votes for reconsideration on an indefinite postponement on this floor at 25 for General File consideration. We did, however, retain the part of Senator Hoagland's proposal which said that on Select File it would now require 30 votes for a reconsideration of a motion that had been indefinitely postponed by this body. The change, as proposed by the Rules Committee, indicates the one area that an indefinite postponement on Select File by this body for a reconsideration motion will take 30 votes as opposed to the 25 which are now required. All other areas will remain the same, the 30 votes to pull it from committee, the 25 votes to reconsider it on General File, the changes I have indicated as proposed by the Rules Committee is now 30 votes for a reconsideration on Select File. If you vote in favor of this, you vote in favor of changing that number from 25 to 30 for a reconsideration. If you vote against it, you are voting to retain the system as it is now with 25 votes both for General and Select. Again, I say it is a difference in philosophy and you must vote your conscience