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and how you think and feel about this philosophy. If you feel that we spent too much time last year on reconsideration motions on areas in which bills had been killed, then you will vote in favor of this change as proposed by the Rules Committee. If you like that reconsideration more readily accessible, then you will probably vote against it. It was the feeling of many of the people that the issue should have been thoroughly debated in committee and General File and if it was again thoroughly debated on Select File and indefinitely postponed on a third time, that the number of votes for reconsideration should be up to 30. So, I will turn the remainder of the time to Senator Hoagland for his closing.

PRESIDENT: You have about a minute, Senator.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, I need less time than that, Mr. President, and let me just pose this simple question. If five members or four members on a committee can vote to indefinitely postpone a bill and it takes 30 votes to revive that on the floor, shouldn't that same rule apply on Select File when 25 members have voted to kill a bill? If a majority of a committee can kill a bill in committee and that can be undone only with 30 votes, why don't we give ourselves a break and have the same rule apply on Select File so that we won't be spinning our tires, spinning our wheels over and over and over on these issues that can always be brought up again the next year in another bill if they are really that important or by way of an amendment to another bill if they are really that important. I think for the sake of finality, for the sake of putting issues behind us, we need to have some restrictions in this area and I would encourage your adoption of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the rule change pertaining to reconsideration. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We'll have to take a roll call vote. Quiet in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.)

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken as found on pages 142-43 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I'd like to ask for a call of the house