

it, I want it to be known and I want to have a record vote on this so that everybody knows where everybody stands.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I would rise to oppose the reconsideration motion of LB 832. As Senator Pappas has already highlighted, the committee has heard this bill twice during the last couple of years. We also did an interim study during the summer on this issue, and in every case we have rejected the decision that Senator Pappas or at least the conclusion that Senator Pappas reached that we needed to pass this particular piece of legislation in order to help farmers become more efficient. I would assume or I would make this statement that if you want to help the farmers, you are going to have to do one hell of a lot more than just pass LB 832. As I said, the committee has looked at this issue as thoroughly as possible. Senator Pappas is correct when he said that the seed companies have come in and opposed the bill. They have a great deal of problem of standardizing cold tests and they have made that clearly known to Senator Pappas and to the committee, and because of that, I am assuming the committee's decision was that because there is no standardization among the companies as far as cold tests is concerned, a vigor test, we rejected the bill and I would urge this body not to take the issue up. We, of course, have many other issues to discuss and I have no problem going on record supporting or opposing an issue like this in order to make a statement.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Barrett. The next speaking order is Senators Nelson, Haberman, Lamb, and Sieck. Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I, too, rise in opposition to the action taken by Senator Pappas on LB 832. As has been suggested, the Ag and Environment Committee has reviewed this issue for the past two years. Neither year did the bill go anywhere. This year the Ag Committee had another excellent hearing on the issue. The committee heard all of the testimony for and against. The committee reviewed all of the pertinent information. The committee then, in Executive Session, addressed the merits of the bill or demerits, as the case might have been. The Ag and Environment Committee then made a unanimous decision on what action to take, unanimous