

PRESIDENT: This matter has a time limit of 15 minutes only. The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp and I intend to make this a very quick issue for you. We have only 15 minutes allotted to the hearing of this matter. LB 524 is the motorcycle helmet bill. That bill was held in the Public Works Committee. A week ago Senator Hoagland, the primary sponsor of LB 524, filed a motion to have the bill withdrawn from the Public Works Committee. His motion failed, it failed by two votes. He received...the bill received 23 votes and that was it. I, personally, was absent at the time the vote was taken, having unfortunately some legal commitment in Omaha. There were other senators who were likewise absent at the time the vote was taken. In my view LB 524 is a measure of significance to us that warrants consideration on the floor of the Nebraska Legislature. However, before that can be considered on the floor of the Nebraska Legislature, 30 votes must be found to suspend the rules for reconsideration of the motion to pull the bill from committee. So this morning Senator DeCamp and I are simply asking you to vote for fairness. The fairness is just provide a vote to suspend the rules so that in turn we may reconsider the vote that was held last week where a number of us were absent. That is all that is being requested. We need to have 30 votes to suspend the rules so that we can ultimately reconsider the question as to whether or not 524 should be on the floor of the Nebraska Legislature.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Smith. Senator Jacklyn Smith. Senator Smith. All right. I'd like to announce the speaking order, Senator, just a moment. Senator Chambers, DeCamp, Schmit, and Nelson, and Haberman. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, fellow senators, again I stand, to repeat the same things I said the last time we had the reconsideration. The bill was held in committee since last session. We have been working on an education bill, Senator Landis in particular. The education bill is supposed to address what we hope will be a very good program that will allow motorcyclists to receive the training which they thought was rightfully theirs with the amount of dollars that they were putting into a pool of money over the last few years. As you all know, there was in 1981, I