

agenda is anything sacrosanct or anything like that because it certainly is not and there is certainly a certain amount of discretion that the body allows me as I set the agenda, but I think that this issue has been given a very, very fair hearing and it was very difficult for me to justify putting this motion ahead of senators' priority bills that had not even been heard one time on Select File, very, very difficult. I could not justify that. This bill had a vote last year on Select File and it failed with 24 votes. At that point, it lost its priority status. Senator Dierks again named it his priority bill this year. It came up again this year. I think it came up in a timely fashion. It came up in an afternoon and a day when people were here. It got 24 votes again and it failed and at that point for me to justify moving it ahead of everyone else's bills, I simply could not do that. I don't think there is any justification for doing that. There is no issue that is that all important that it should move ahead of everyone else's issues on the agenda. And that is why the reconsideration motion has been on there. If we had ever gotten through the agenda for the day, we would have gotten to the reconsideration motion, but it was going to follow all of the other senators' individual priority bills before we took another vote on a bill. It is...in my opinion, there are...senators' individual priority bills do not deserve two chances before a lot of others get their first opportunity and I don't know what justification there is for this. I have no idea. I'm sure the Governor's Office has been putting the heat on everybody, trying to get them to do it because the Governor's Office has been begging everybody to vote for this bill. Somehow or other he thinks his reelection bid is based on whether or not community consent passes. I think he's got a lot more problems than that, but I just don't think that this is the time to do that, plus the process. I think it interferes with the process and I just do not think that this bill has any more merit than any other bill that we have out there and for that reason I am going to oppose overruling the agenda because this should not go ahead of everyone else's bills on this agenda. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Baack. Senator Morrissey, you're next.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I would have supported, of course, overruling the agenda. I think 72 took maybe an hour the first time, maybe an hour and a half when we discussed it and I had a lot of points that I didn't get to