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you can get and still put a public policy statement out there in the statutes. It is not the kind of sanctions that have been brought in in the past and there is, frankly, no reason for anyone, Senator Haberman, the Brits, or anyone else to oppose this measure. It is simply a statement on our part, on a...proactively on whether or not we should make a statement as it relates to investment and what that statement is going to be as it relates to Northern Ireland. I think it's a positive statement. I think it's one that ought to be kept in this proposal. I think it's one that ought to be made part of the statutes. I do not think we should reconsider this motion, but if we do, if the body chooses...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...to reconsider the Hall amendment, then we will have it back in front of us. I will make one speech on the issue and make my case and then we can go to a vote on whether or not we should pull it out of the bill, or whether it should be or shouldn't or should not be adopted to it. That's fine. I'm not going to waste any time. Didn't want to waste any time this afternoon. I thought it was going to be fairly quick. I wasn't sure. If it wasn't, I wasn't going to waste a lot of time. We appear to have spent a few hours on this measure, I think, unnecessarily. What I will do is, again, oppose the motion to reconsider. I will...if we have it back in front of us, I will support the adoption of the amendment because I believe strongly in it and I would urge the body to do the same. But if the body chooses to do otherwise, then we should advance 1066 as it was before us and go about our business. I apologize to the body.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: I did not mean to cause any delay.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Madam President and members of the body, I'm going to talk about this more as a procedural matter than anything else. I am going to support the motion to reconsider and I think everybody in here should. I'm going to tell you why. I think what is unfolding here today is exactly the same sort of situation that we complained about yesterday and that we complained about the day before. There has been an honest