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McKinney blasts changing bill to pacify former senator

GOP chairman says favoritism for one person should never dictate public policy

CHARLESTON - West Virginia Republican Party Chairman Doug McKinney today blasted the political machinations that led to the state Senate reconsidering a bill to require franchise restaurants to post calorie counts.

According to news reports, the legislation was rewritten to favor former Sen. Oshel Craigo, making restaurants owned by Craigo exempt from the requirements.

"No matter what party affiliation they might have, elected officials should never change their votes to pacify any one individual," said McKinney. "Doing so completely detracts from whatever merits the bill might have had to begin with."

The bill now returns to the House of Delegates, and McKinney urged lawmakers there to vote against the bill in its revised form.

"The people of West Virginia must be confident that whatever laws are passed are only passed for the good of our citizens as a whole, not for any one individual or special interest," said McKinney.