

we should have a bracket motion that have basically been good and bad reasons for the bill. But one thing I don't think we have talked about is the real reason we need to wait on the bill. We feel that if we could...if there is a possibility that the bill is laying there, I'm not...I, for one, don't have that much of a problem with the bill. But I just think, from the way I look at it, it would be better if we waited until January of next year, we can see what insurance rates do, we can give the insurance companies a chance to maybe in some cases be reasonable in offering their product to our governmental subdivisions. With that, I simply ask the body to bracket this bill until January 15 of next year, to allow the companies to see what happens.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You have heard the motion and the closing. The question is the adoption of the bracketing motion on 398. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 26 nays on the motion to bracket, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion to bracket fails. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is offered by Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit's amendment is on page 976 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, this amendment adds the rural fire districts to the bill. We were told that they thought that the volunteer firemen were in there, but I wanted to be sure that they were in the bill in the event that the bill did become law. So I would ask that the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion on the Schmit amendment? I have three lights on. Senators Lynch, Pappas and Landis. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it strikes me that the rural fire districts are voluntary in nature, they do not have a taxing authority behind them, and I've got some conceptual difficulties with the management of rural fire districts, how well managed they are. In this case I would be more inclined to suggest that we try the bill in its original form to see if, in fact, the benefits of the package become available. I do not know of the fire districts having