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pool their information and then they lock in rates so that each and every one of them protects the other. Well, all you have to do is look at the shift away from group kinds of proposals, go back one day to LB 167 here on the floor, and the self-insurance types of proposals that we have had, it just ain't the case. And, I, again, can't tell you how important this resolution, even though it is just a resolution to members of Congress, it is an important issue that will have tremendous impact on the states. I appreciate Senator Landis bringing this before us and I would urge you to adopt Senator Wesely's amendment and then the LR.

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

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair, members of the body, I have a question of Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Senator Landis, did this measure, was this referred to a committee? Did the committee have an input into it or was there a public hearing and that sort of process?

SENATOR LANDIS: It did not.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay. Yeah, I am going to be a little bit of a "grinch". I am going to vote for the amendment. I am going to vote for the resolution. My understanding of the insurance regulation process is that I support what Senator Landis is talking about. I do recall back, though, earlier in the session, Senator Hefner had a resolution which he introduced which was to memorialize the Bureau of the Census or a Department of Commerce or somebody dealing with where they count the residence of college students, and it was decided at that time that placing the Legislature on the record for such an important public policy consideration as that one dictated a reference to a Standing Committee, a full public hearing, and I believe that happened, and I believe Senator Hefner's resolution died a not very glorious death in the Government Committee, of which I serve. I guess what I am pointing out is I don't think we have a consistent policy for dealing with these types of resolutions. We know what we do when we have a constitutional amendment that is a resolution, we treat it like a bill. We