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concerned or not happy with the way some of the states have been handling some of the insurance areas, and they think it would be better if, in fact, they brought it under the...under federal control and they are trying to tighten that up a little bit?

SENATOR WESELY: There are two thoughts from the federal side. One if that, that some states have not done the job they should in regulation of the insurance industry, have not been proconsumer enough. And the other side of it is the anti-insurance industry. They think the McCarran-Ferguson exemptions from antitrust allow for some industry collusion or something along those lines, and so they don't like the idea, and so they want to take away that.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So on the first point you made, the resolution, in your view, would be that we would need to support more the states rights in regards to the states being able to handle these things without the federal intervention, would that be fair to say?

SENATOR WESELY: That is right, yeah.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Why then the difference on philosophies between that and LB 830? LB 830, if I remember correctly, the state has kind of some concerns, not on other states, but in this case some counties or regions not doing exactly what they want, and the original proposal was to bring it all under state umbrella, which I guess my way of thinking is a contradiction of the view. This resolution would maintain states rights. I would assume then you would want to maintain county and regional rights in regards to LB 830. I am trying to guess the contradiction there.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, the difference is on LB 830 is we are paying the money, primarily, for the funding of the system, and that is not the case here. So there is a difference.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR WESELY: Nice try, though.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Does anyone else wish to speak to this resolution? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Landis?