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deeply in trouble that they would take down the insurance of the people who are being covered by a MEWA. And those will be 200 employees or more of various members of an industry who have banded together in this form. The stop-loss at 125 percent, along with the power to assess the members, is more regulation than we have on any other form of self-insurance. And, although it's not as good as what we do for...for the practice of insurance, it's better than what we have now, and it's better than what most states have. I'll go to work on seeing if I can make it better along the lines of what Senator Beutler suggested, but I would say this; even to where we are now, with our recent past, the fact that we've had a recent brush with a very real problem in this area, that the industries affected support this bill, and the Department of Insurance urges it. I would ask for the advancement of LB 1139 and I will continue to look for ways to improve it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the closing on the advance of LB 1139. The question before the body is to advance LB 1139 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on advancement of LB 1139 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1139.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1139 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill, LB 1003, was a bill introduced by Senator Schrock. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. Committee amendments were presented to the body on March 6, Mr. President. There was a...there were a series of amendments to the committee amendments that were adopted. When the Legislature left the bill that day, there was pending to the committee amendments an amendment by Senator Beutler. AM3045 was the pending amendment to the committee amendments. (Legislative Journal page 865.)