

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

January 27, 2005 LB 119

our Governor in our system in Nebraska. So there is some concern about that. But the value is that in fact the industry would be allowed to go to this one place; they would be able to submit a form, a product, and they would be able to move those lines into the marketplace at a much greater rate. And that in fact would lessen the pressure on the federal government takeover of the regulation of insurance. Now, the way the compact is set up, Nebraska would still be able to look at any particular product that might come to us out of that compact and say, no, we the Legislature don't like it. We could legislate so that we would not participate in that particular product, but it would be an after the approval of the compact folks. And so still the industry would not have to go to 47 different states, if 47 states were participating, and have to find approval. What we can look at is, say, we like this; we don't like this. We retain our authority in that sense. But it would speed the process up. The downside that I see is that, in fact, we would bear the cost of this, but not directly through appropriations, not even directly through our department, but through the premiums of the people who purchase the policies. Because the costs would be borne by industry, and that cost is always passed on to the ratepayers. So, Senator Beutler, I don't know if that answers your questions, but I thought I would contribute that to the discussion. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Madam...next speaker, Senator Hudkins. Senator Hudkins, you're recognized.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I think, if I may ask a question of Mr. McDonald (sic), do we want to do this amendment now or later?

SENATOR CUDABACK: It's to the...

SENATOR HUDKINS: Actually, it's to...we think it's...

SENATOR CUDABACK: All right, Mr. Clerk, go ahead, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Well, Senator, the draft you provided me, I think, is a draft more appropriately to the bill, as opposed to the