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LB 52

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just a couple of points, Mr. Speaker. I am sure that it is not the intent of the Bar Association to really even get involved in this sort of a plan. That intent has never been expressed to me at any rate. The manipulation of the rules of discipline for the purpose of giving the bar a monopoly is something that I am sure that the bar would never attempt and if they ever did attempt it you can bet that Senator Chambers would have one more ally with regard to the question of the integrated bar. But I think that this fear is unfounded and that the bar has no such intent. At any rate it seems to me that the mechanism for the insurance program is a nonprofit corporation. Whatever type of nonprofit corporation the bar would set up, anybody else could set up the same kind, same type of nonprofit corporation and as long as they were the same type of corporation I don't see how the bar could tell lawyers to treat one corporation to the advantage or disadvantage of another. In other words they would have to treat them all the same and so I really don't see as a practical matter even how the rules of discipline could be manipulated for such a purpose. So I just wanted to make those statements very clear and, secondly, this bill is laced and heavily regulated by the Department of Insurance in dozens of ways and I would think that the Department of Insurance would have effective control over this sort of thing anyway, so, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have committee amendments? Have we adopted them? Okay the motion is to adopt the committee amendments to LB 52. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you arise? We are moving the vote to adopt the amendment.

SENATOR MURPHY: I was waiting for the motion to advance the bill, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, all right. The motion is to adopt the amendments to LB 52. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The amendments are adopted. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Now, Mr. President, I move the advancement of the bill before twenty five people move away from their desks.

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