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LB 57

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, Mr. President. Just some additional background on the bill. Last year the Legislature passed one of the major insurance bills of the session which was continuing education and so on and so forth for insurance consultants. We put some pretty strict standards. We thought we corrected some abuses. On the floor, Senator Dworak did amend the bill and as a result of that amendment that he put on last year, there seems to be some confusion in the insurance industry as to just what is or is not allowed, and there is a possibility that insurance brokers, the big insurance outfits, could effectively be put out of business or so they argue if this correction is not made. The Insurance Department itself, Mr. Weaver, says at least it is ambiguous and the bill introduced by Senator Dworak then this year, which we are amending, is simply to correct this ambiguity and make sure that there is no confusion, that the major insurance brokers can indeed sell insurance and so that the double interpretation that has been possible would be corrected.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 57. Is there any further discussion? Senator Dworak, your light is on. All those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Now, Senator Dworak, the motion is the....

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I move that LB 57 be advanced to E & R Initial. I will answer any questions anyone has. I think Senator Haberman and Senator DeCamp did a fine job of explaining the bill and anything that I would add would be repetitious, but I would answer any questions if anyone has any. I move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I guess, Mr. President, I need to ask a clarification of Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp, I need to clarify if I understood what you said correctly, is that you indicated that Senator Dworak had put an amendment on the floor that was designed to put the large insurance companies out of business. Is that what you said?