

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, thank you very much. Senator DeCamp, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Sure.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Is this going to raise insurance rates in the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, that is a good question, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes or no, please.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I won't answer yes or no.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, will you answer another question? Do they have higher insurance rates in Missouri than we do where they have no guest statute?

SENATOR DeCAMP: If he wants answers to the questions, I will be happy to answer the questions. If he wants to play games about yes or no, up and down, this kind of stuff, he can talk to somebody else.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, I will answer a question and then I will ask you a question. They do have higher insurance in Missouri because they have guest statutes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is an absolute lie.

SENATOR HABERMAN: The question is this, will this raise our insurance? I will listen to your explanation.

SENATOR DeCAMP: The guest statute has been repealed in state after state. Had you taken the time to come to the hearing on this, had you also taken the time when you were on the committee to look at the interim studies, you would have learned that claim after claim by insurance company that this was going to increase the rates was completely disproved once the guest statute was repealed. We had letter after letter from commissioner after commissioner and state after state completely rejecting that but let us accept the fact that it could raise rates. What we are talking about is about five dollars by the testimony of the insurance companies themselves on a policy in a year to provide coverage that should be there.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. I went out and talked to one of the insurance representatives, Mr. Prazier, and it is true. They are not actively fighting the bill so under those conditions, I will support the amendment and the bill.