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everybody but I want to say this. Senator Chambers, I am not so sure you aren't a black reincarnation of Billy Sunday the way you preach. I have to tell you that is the best hellfire and brimstone sermon I have heard in many a year. I am glad to hear you believe in it because all I have been hearing is that you were an atheist. So once again, Senators, it looks like Senator Chambers is coming over to our side. Oh, excuse me. He doesn't believe in it.

PRESIDENT: Let's not have a colloquy between the two of you unless you want to go over and have a talk but, thanks.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I just want to point out, Mr. President and Senators, that insurance companies do provide coverage today for complications from an abortion, even if the abortion complication occurs at an unlicensed abortion clinic where there is no follow-up care for the prospective mother. I think we have belabored this fact so long and for so many days that I am not going to address the subject of insurance any more other than to say those who purport to be the experts on insurance coverage, none of them are experienced agents as I have been for sixteen years. Thank you, Mr. President and Senators.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, is he here? I don't see him. We will go back to Senator Haberman then. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Is this the close?

PRESIDENT: No, it is not. We have some other lights on.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I will pass to the next speaker.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Marsh, then.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Labeledz indicated that if an employee wanted to obtain the insurance it could be available. Then what is the purpose of LB 125, Senator Labeledz?

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz, will you respond?

SENATOR LABEDZ: It would be available, Senator Marsh, without the use of public funds because we would not cover it in the basic coverage plan. They would have to obtain a rider.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Labeledz, did the cost for insurance decrease when abortion coverage was removed last year?