

that and the small insurance policies do not have their loans. Now if this is all they are interested in is assuring that these small policyholders get it back in dividends, the amendment I have offered you simply by law requires that the benefits of the higher interest rates to the insurance company be paid back as dividends. It is a simple assurance in law that the proponents of the bill do what they have stated on this floor to make it a people's issue of small policyholders. It takes away most of my objections to the bill although I still think that a cheap source of money would be desirable to the people of the state. I really ask you and plead with the members of this body to look at it. Why don't we tie up the insurance companies to the arguments they have sold the bill on. The amendment simply does this. If not, they have the right to cream and take off half of the money they get through higher interest rates into profits for the insurance company and maybe return half as dividends to the borrower or dividends to the policyholders. I urge you to adopt this amendment. It is not all that complicated. It is simply spelling out by law what the proponents of the bill have already suggested. I might remind you, you look at some of the proponents of the bill, some of them have opposed higher interest rates all of the time but suddenly this year things have scuttled around. I urge the adoption of this amendment and thank you for your time.

SENATOR NICHOL: We are voting on the Burrows amendment to LB 355. All those in favor vote yes, all those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dworak requests a record vote. (Record vote read. See page 1124, Legislative Journal.) 5 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kilgarin moves to amend the bill. (Read Kilgarin amendment on page 1124, Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Mr. Speaker, on page 2 of LB 355, line 21, we are talking about Section 3. It says, "The rate of interest charged on a policy loan made under subdivision (1) (b) of this section shall not exceed the higher of the following:" What the amendment will do is it will change one word. Instead of saying "shall not exceed the higher of the following", it's going to say "shall not exceed the lesser