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LB 355

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I...

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to suspend the rules.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me address myself to Senator DeCamp's suggestion. Why don't we marry the bills today and then have a white copy be printed and have the combination then held over and then we can debate it on Select File in a week or so after we have seen what the two look like together. But these are major pieces of legislation. I think to marry them and put them over to Final Reading at the same time is maybe asking too much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, only in the interest of conserving what time there might be left today, it would seem to me that they could just go ahead and not suspend the rules on the kill motion and that would make the bill lay over and that would give the people time to try to get together and work something out. But if you go through the motions of suspending the rules which you probably have enough votes to do, there will be a debate and discussion of the kill motion, a rehashing of the proposition offered by Senator DeCamp and Senator Dworak. Time will be lost and whatever is going to be done will be put off anyway, so my suggestion would be that you simply not suspend the rules. That would make the kill motion lay the bill over for a day and then these warring parties can perhaps get together and bring about peace.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I support LB 426 and I support LB 355 and I don't support marrying them in the same bill. I have been in committee. I know what those two bills are about and they are not sister bills in that they do not deal with the same issues. They are sister bills only in the fact that they both stem from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the NAIC. They came out at about the same time and they are introduced, not only in Nebraska, but in a number of states throughout the country but, in fact, they have two very different objectives. The reason that they are melded together as sister bills, however, is because different power actors want one and are willing to give up the other and it involves the internecine fight between insurance companies and insurance agents. Insurance agents want LB 426 because LB 426 makes insurance cheaper in the long run quite possibly and easier to sell. LB 355 makes insurance more