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I would oppose the committee amendments since the committee amendments simply narrow this bill to only insurance companies. I feel if we are going to speak to the issue we ought to take all the major corporations and address this as this is the intent of the originally introduced bill. I have had communications with the Attorney General's offices from Iowa, Oklahoma and Missouri and they all have the same or extremely similar constitutional language and aggressively feel they can defend this type of legislation. The legislation in those states that is passed and in effect is very similar of nature and in no case have we had a court case in any state of those that have passed corporate farm bills where it has been struck down by the Supreme Court. The states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma all have corporate farm bills and all those that have been tested have been upheld. So I think it would be a grave mistake, most of these have very similar constitutional language if not the same, to be concerned on constitutionality and not proceed with the original bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now, Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, in deference to Senator Burrows' request I am going to move that the committee amendments be adopted and then I hope you are listening carefully, I ask that you vote against the adoption. So, Senator Burrows, it's his bill and he has full knowledge of what is being done here. I have discussed this with him. I respect his point of view. I have disagreed with him from time to time on the issue but I respect what he is trying to do. So I would move for the adoption and I ask that you vote against adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the committee amendments as stated by Senator Schmit. All those in favor of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed vote no. Senator Burrows.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion failed. Senator Burrows, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR BURROWS: There are amendments pending on page 1609 of the Journal.