

have these elected officials on the Claims Board any further and the move that is included in LB 273 to have the elected people that are listed there is probably a wiser step to take and, evidently, there are all kinds of problems if we do adopt and keep the Vickers amendment, so I move to reconsider that and just go with the bill. You realize, of course, this has been through three different versions on Final Reading so this would make the fourth version of this bill and it seems to me that it is probably time to go ahead and pass it and it is in pretty good form as it is. So I do move to reconsider the Vickers amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp and then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Just very briefly, Mr. President, I never claimed to understand the whole process that well. It has been explained to me once again here recently, the idea of the new system is you have a risk manager, just like insurance companies. He tries to assess using his experts where the state is exposed, so on and so forth. People would present claims to this group of people, experts in workmen's comp, experts in this and so on and so forth, whether it is three or four or whatever. They then present their findings and recommendations and suggestions to the Claims Committee which is the Labor Committee. In other words, the Labor Committee of the Legislature would be much more directly involved now under this system in making that final adjudication, elected officials right here, and if somebody disagrees, they could present it to the Labor Committee, but at that previous stage, you would have people that were experts in the field. I would think the Legislature would, quite frankly, want that. The way the system works now, it has no risk manager or anything else and you just have a Claims Board consisting of whoever happens to be the State Treasurer, I think it is, whoever happens to be the Lieutenant Governor, and whoever happens to be Auditor of Public Accounts. It makes more sense, if you are going to have this insurance system, so they argue, to have your experts, your people knowledgeable in the field, get the information and present that to the Legislature. So do whatever you want. No big shake with me.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I don't know how many times this morning I have to make the same argument but let me point out one thing to you. Senator DeCamp just got through talking about how all these great experts are going to be able to handle this. Read the bill. The bill says the Director of Insurance, the Commissioner of Labor, and