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to amend the bill and the Remmers amendment is found on page 412 of the Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, my amendment is very simple, and I think the two handouts that just came out to your desks should illustrate my reason for the amendment. I am simply suggesting that we include the health care insurance agents in this bill. I think 274 is a very good bill. I certainly endorse the idea of continuing education for the agents in the field, but it seems to me that with almost half the complaints coming in the health care... under the health care insurance and the percentage increasing noticeably from 1979 to 1980. We had 39 percent of the problems in 1979. We had 43 percent of the problems in 1980. So it seems to me that if we need any continuing education, we certainly need it in this area. So I would urge this body to adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the Remmers amendment to LB 274. Senator Sieck, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes. Mr. President and members of the body, I will support this amendment even though I do not support the bill as such because I do feel that the insurance companies if they want to have an educational program, they should supply that educational program to their agents. But I was disappointed because the health agencies were the ones that were not fulfilling their duties and the complaints that were coming in to the Department of Insurance proved to me that the health agencies were the ones that were erring even though a lot of the other companies were having a fairly good record. So if we are going to pass a law of this type, I feel that the health agencies should be included in this particular bill, and so I am going to support the amendment for this reason, even though I may not support the whole bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Remmers, do you wish to close on the motion?

SENATOR REMMERS: I don't think it is necessary. I believe the amendment is very clear and very simple.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to be recognized?