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SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was caught completely unawares by this. It may be a good amendment, but would you answer a few questions?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Remmers, do you yield?

SENATOR REMMERS: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Remmers, it is my recollection we spent approximately two years and then another year or two before that working up the bill in the form it is, and it is my recollection that the controversy, one of the biggest controversies involved this particular area and we left the sickness, accident and health out because of the conflict of Blue Cross, Blue Shield and so on and so forth, and various things. Have you consulted with any of the people that would be dramatically affected by this change because I guess what I am fearful of, unless there is some understanding of what is going on on the bill and the people involved and how it is going to change them, we will quietly adopt this today and then when people discover it about tomorrow or the next day, there will be a hullabaloo on final reading. The bill will either be referred back to committee or something. Have you consulted with the various people are affected?

SENATOR REMMERS: I would say my consulting has been limited.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I am questioning whether this might kill the bill.

SENATOR REMMERS: Well, I would hate to see it do that. I do want 274 and I would hate to see it kill the bill.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, Senator Sieck said he knows something. Senator Sieck, do you have any information?

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, John...Senator John....

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

SENATOR SIECK: I did visit with the Blue Cross-Blue Shield and they know what we are doing and they have accepted it, and they told me fine that we have no problems with it. That is what I was told by the lobbyist with Blue Cross-Blue Shield. That was the only agency I did talk to.