

program set up on their own especially some of the special insurance agents and they remain neutral on this particular subject. And I think that they will try to continue to remain neutral if this kill motion fails but they are fearful that this particular bill will now require them to modify their program and maybe would lose some of the things they are actually doing in the regions at the present time. I do agree with Senator Remmers that if we are going to have an educational program that it should be all encompassing and cover every insurance agent instead of picking out a select few. But I also feel that many insurance agents have their own program and why couldn't the other fields also have their educational program under the competitive market with better and more knowledgeable people for their particular trade? I do not feel that we should write a continuing education law when this could be done on a voluntary basis and in some instance it could be very difficult for some agents to come under this law. Senator Higgins required that they pass an examination or a test. At the present time any new agent has to, which is required by law, take this test and pass that test for any insurance in order to get a license so that he has to be knowledgeable in what he is doing. I also realize that there are many agents out there especially in the small companies where they sell one line insurance that would not be able to take this test because they are not knowledgeable with the facets of insurance business even though they are knowledgeable in their particular trade and they have a superior insurance agent that has to go over all the insurance forms that if they do make a mistake it will be corrected. Because again, they are in the competitive market and they have to sell a good product because generally these agents live in the community where they are selling the insurance. I do feel and I kind of have a sneaking suspicion that this bill is earmarked to get rid of the small companies. I know this law was passed in Oregon and eliminated a lot of insurance agents because of it and if that is the gist of the bill, then it is wrong.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) It is very noisy in here and Senator Sieck seems to be talking to himself almost. I would like to have you pay some attention to the senator.

SENATOR SIECK: For this reason I do not feel that we need this bill at the present time and I feel it should be killed and I move that we indefinitely postpone this bill.

PRESIDENT: Okay, motion is to indefinitely postpone, right. The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, Mr. President, naturally I would