

in Greece and take them home to his house and he would lay them down on his bed and if they were too short he'd put them on the rack and stretch them out and if they were too long he would cut their legs off to match the size of the bed and from this old story we get the term "procrustean" which means to treat different things in the same way. You know that is kind of an inequality as well. Inequality comes from treating different things in the same manner just as it does by treating the same thing in different manners and what we have here is, we have the argument that everybody regardless of the nature of their function, regardless of the nature of their task, be treated in the same way, that there is no rational distinction between groups. The Remmers amendment has drawn a reasonable distinction. It distinguishes between the health agent who is in the competitive marketplace, who is out there selling lines of insurance, bidding against other agents for business and is, in fact, an insurance agent. It distinguishes that person from the bank deposit representative who is there simply as a conduit of a particular piece of business for that particular bank facility and there is no need to draw all of those people together and treat them in the same fashion. Their function is different. Their relationship to the public is different. The reliance of the consumer on those people is different and they can be treated differently and yet still rationally. That is what LB 274 does. It treats the insurance industry in a rational manner and does draw some distinction but those distinctions are grounded in fact, not in imagination and not for the purpose of harpooning some kinds of insurance agents. I support LB 274. I'm against the kill motion. I hope that you will vote for the consumer because the consumer is the one who profits by LB 274.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't believe we ought to kill this bill. As I understand it some of the opponents have gotten their act together now and I think we ought to give it a chance to work. So let's vote it up or down but let's not kill it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, Senators, I got in on the tail end of Senator DeCamp's speech this morning about insurance agents in Oregon losing their license because they were dead. I don't think this is the kind of a bill that you correct that situation and I would hope, I pray to God that the Director of Insurance in the State of Nebraska is not issuing licenses to insurance agents who have been dead for some time. Perhaps Oregon doesn't have as astute an insurance director as Nebraska does but this bill in no way is going to affect that one way or the other. The only point I want to make is, this is a wonderful consumers bill. Agents take education courses on types of insurance they don't