

urge you to revive the bill. Senator Landis and some people have worked out some language that is perfectly acceptable to me. It does not change the bill in any way. It still accomplishes the goal and if the bill is revived, we'd put that language on. I don't know how much more I can say other than if you are sincerely concerned about hospital and medical expenses, the best thing to do is make sure that those things that are paid are proper and accurate and fair and that there is some system for weeding out fraud if it does exist, erroneous things.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, it seems to me that this body has made a decision on this particular issue once this session and now we are being asked to make the decision again. The time is drawing to the end and we are going to have to accept the fact that we can only debate and decide these issues once. We certainly don't have the time to debate and decide them time and time again. Now if this scheme truly will reduce health care costs, then it seems to me that we ought to broaden the scope of this particular bill and include all claims departments of all insurance companies and not just Blue Cross-Blue Shield. If, in fact, this is a legitimate cost shaving mechanism which I very seriously doubt, then it certainly should be broadened to include all private insurance companies. It should be included all multiple employer trust, all insurance vehicles that deliver health care products but that doesn't do that. It is very narrow. It is specific. It merely caters to a very narrow self-interest situation. I think it is poor public policy to grant this kind of immunity. I don't think it is necessary. I don't think the proponents of the bill have spelled out that many specific abuses in this area. I think that the bill doesn't deserve to be resurrected. It has been debated and it has been voted on and has been defeated and so be it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis and I would urge the speakers to note that we have a ten minute limit on the entire debate and we have one more speaker, Senator Landis, you and another one so if you would proceed.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, I voted against the bill because the immunity clause was not clarified. I asked that it be clarified. It wasn't and I voted against the bill. Several of us did. I now have an immunity clause that has been drawn to my satisfaction. I would like to reconsider the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit. The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in a few