

SENATOR SCHMIT: Will either of those later bills, Senator Landis, also address the problem of insurance for funerals, and to some extent, the health and accident coverage, which is marketed by mail to many people across the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me tell you I do not have an answer with respect to the funeral insurance. I can speak only for my own bill and it was designed at the nursing home long-term care situation. I did not include funeral issues. However, Senator Schmit, that has yet to be heard by our committee, and since you serve on that committee, as it comes up for our hearing, I would welcome your thoughts and additions at that time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Landis. I just want to point out that when we rewrite a document such as this, when we address many issues that are, perhaps, not of earthshaking importance, but which, nonetheless, need to be addressed, sometimes we do not address those major issues which at the present time are costing Nebraskans hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars, and which provide no tangible benefits. And some of my friends in the nursing home business have told me that it is a very sad duty they must perform from time to time when they take a resident into their home who feels that they have purchased nursing home insurance which will adequately cover their cost, only to find that it is sadly lacking in any major benefits, and many times this knowledge comes after many years of having dutifully paid the premiums. And so, Senator Landis, I look forward to working with you in trying to resolve some of those problems. I know there are many others. I know you have addressed many of them in LB 92, but I had those specific questions I wanted to ask at this time, and thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, would you like to close on the advancement of the bill, excuse me, committee amendments. I am sorry.

SENATOR LANDIS: I will go on to talk about the bill, itself. I do point out to you that there is an explanation of the amendments. You will find it on page 12 and 13 of the committee statement, and I would move the adoption of the committee amendments and permit us then to discuss another set of amendments plus the bill, itself.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you. The question is the adoption of