

availability and affordability problems that they have created for themselves or whether those have come from the marketplace or from the courtrooms and litigation. In that sense, over time the winner may be the Legislature in its ability to pass good laws. This is not pro-consumer at this point. It's not pro-industry at this point. It's simply helpful to get data which will assist the regulators and eventually us and we're the eventual winners, I think, in this bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Now back on the advancement of the bill. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Pirsch informally asked me a good question, by the way, and I'll answer it before we move on. Do we not now require this kind of information? Why LB 214? Currently, we, of course, do require information from insurance companies. At the time they organize, we want their articles of incorporation, we want their capitalization and their surplus. We want to know how they're going to do business. When they file a new rate we ask them about why they were...they are set on that rate and we ask them to justify that rate. So we do ask for information at different times. We also examine insurance companies but our examination is for the purpose of determining whether or not they're solvent, that and that alone. There is no clumping of information either inside a company or, more importantly, for the entire industry to give us a sense of the health of the industry, what its pricing decisions are generally and whether or not those pricing decisions, those affordability and availability decisions that they make as far as offering their lines are justified by their internal operation. That kind of information we do not now ask. We have got heaps and heaps of papers but they're not in the usable form to answer the questions that people were asking in the middle of the tort reform crisis. That's why 214 is here. I move the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is, shall the bill be advanced? All those in favor vote aye,