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LB 92, 279, 466

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. LB 279 is a trailer bill, designed to allow us to respond to issues to the very, very major rewrite of insurance law, LB 92, that we previously passed. The issue that Senator Haberman is adjusting...is adjusting in this amendment is one that arose in LB 92. In LB 92 our current law was changed from six down to three. His amendment now raises that from three back to six. And 279, in its capacity as a trailer bill to carry follow-up issues to LB 92, is, in my estimation, quite germane. Frankly, we have suspended the rules on all the rest of the amendments because they were not germane. This is the only germane amendment that has been offered to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Does that satisfy you, Senator Hartnett? Okay. Were you through speaking, Senator Hartnett? You withdrew your request for a ruling on it. Okay.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I guess I rise in opposition to Senator Haberman's amendment, because I introduced a bill into the Banking and Insurance Department...Committee this year, LB 466, which was advanced out of the committee with six yes votes and present and not voting, two people. And it simply deals with attorneys. I think one of the things that we have discovered, and I did it for some attorneys in my area that are abstractors and so forth, is the lack of courses and the lack of quality of the courses. So I think that is why we're raising it up again to six hours again. I think...I listened to Senator Haberman, he says they're going to have more of the seminars and so forth and maybe we should do that first and then see if they need to be raised to six hours. So I guess I would oppose this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests, please, in the north balcony. Senator Hall has 30 eighth graders from Mars Junior High in Omaha with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Well, Mr. President, colleagues, I would challenge the germaneness. I serve on the Banking Committee as well, and I'm well aware of what LB 92 did. But this,