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limited nature of offerings.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: That issue is contained in LB 476, I believe, Paul, LB 466?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Four sixty-six, yeah.

SENATOR LANDIS: That bill has been advanced by the Banking Committee. It is now on General File. With respect to land title agents, there the focus has not been on the limitation of subject matter. It has been on the availability of courses on a geographical basis and on a time basis. So it is important to separate the abstractor's question, for which we have adequate remedy on General File, from this issue which arose from the insurance aspect task force.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, thank you. And I thank you, Senator Landis, for explaining that to me in terms of where we ought to head. I guess I still think that there is a strong message that we want to send back. I strongly support continuing education, be it for lawyers, plumbers, doctors, or whoever. I think that those are very good. I am a little concerned here that maybe we aren't putting the cart before the horse. Maybe if we would get the seminars in place and then come in and increase it, that would kind of hold the association's feet to the fire to make sure that they provided those things ahead of time, and then let's increase it. I think Senator Haberman would be correct then in talking about the numbers of course offerings, and those sorts of things, so, at this point in time, anyway, I think both sides probably have some good points. I would like to see them put the seminars in place first and then let's up the requirements if we think that is necessary. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I will wait and close.

PRESIDENT: All right. Thank you. Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the amendment, as well. This is, basically, in essence, a turf battle between two competing associations. In essence, what you had is a number of complaints from attorneys to the Bar