

Association that when they sought to get increased...sought to take care of the six hours of continuing education, that the Title Insurance Association or the Nebraska Land Title Association was very uncooperative. They did not offer the seminars that were needed, in the opinion of a number of bar members. They did not offer them often enough, and it caused a great deal of hardship to the members that were attempting to complete these requirements which were established by the State of Nebraska. Now as we are aware in dealing with issues such as continuing education, the State of Nebraska allows these associations to establish all criteria. We give them a pretty broad brush to paint whatever classes they choose to offer for those members of the association, and serving on the committee, I was quite surprised by this association, Title Association, when they disregarded, I felt, legitimate members' concerns as to not having enough classes offered for their membership, and I thought it was in the best interest of title insurance to offer as many classes and as varied a classes as possible, and the classes that are offered by the Bar Association are excellent classes, and there is a great deal of number so that you will have Bar Association meetings across the state, whereas, the Title Association is rather limited in the locations and the type of classes being offered. It is nice to see that they finally budged when we passed a bill that provided the reduction in hours, and, unfortunately, it had to come to something like that, but it still doesn't change the problem that they are having and the problem that I have received. I have never done any title insurance. It is a rather specialized area and, in that regards, it doesn't really make a lot of difference to most attorneys what the continuing education classes are required in this area but, I think in the best interest, I think that there should be a large class offering and I think that is where the real concern is. I am rather disappointed by this amendment. The only thing that they have done is in seeking these hours is to tell the Legislature that, hopefully, they will offer more classes. But there is nothing in statute that requires this particular statement on their part, and this amendment does one thing. It increases the hours from three to six. They haven't shown any need in the committee or since that time for this need in increased hours, and I would urge the body to reject it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, please, followed by Senator Hartnett. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I will pass at this point, thank you,