

do exactly the same thing. And I know that I was warned by one of the lobbyists that they would be knocking this bill off the list because even though it was uniformly accepted out of the committee, uniformly accepted by the Department of Insurance and all of the insurance company representatives in the committee hearing, that he had been contacted by a client and would be knocking the bill off the list. I would like a point of order from the Speaker to understand the rule under which the Speaker is operating with respect to dropping this off what is otherwise Select File.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Barrett, would you like to respond to that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President. In response, Senator Landis, I guess I would advise that this is no different than the procedure which we operated under in the First Session of the Ninety-first Legislature, no difference whatsoever.

SENATOR LANDIS: My request from the Speaker is for a citation of the rule or authority to permit this kind of handling on Select File, as opposed to simply stating that it was once previously done. Is there an authority? That's the request for the point of order.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is the authority, as I understand it, of the Speaker to handle them in this manner. Senator Landis, it is my hope that we can voice vote these consent calendar bills across today with no amendments. I do reserve the right to take a look at any pending amendments and make a decision at some later point in time. I would hope that we don't have Christmas trees. If there is a dotted "i" that needs to be handled, perhaps a date that needs to be changed, that's one matter. It's another to come up with a so-called Christmas tree.

SENATOR LANDIS: If I could have...understanding, as I do, the Speaker's position, I do think that the rule operates in such a manner to, in this case, take a measure which is by any standard definition of consent calendar unanimous action by the committee, unanimous action of the industry, with the exception of one bandit who wants to go out and sell multiple policies to old people who can get a lobbyist to do this, that, I think, is beyond the pale. I wish the result was not what it is this morning. That's unfortunate.