

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABBODD: Mr. President, colleagues, I wasn't going to comment as to the committee amendments or the bill. But I think there...I think I should have a couple of words to discuss as far as with the pieces of legislation that we did place in LB 1136. Those bills were very much, I believe, unanimous within the committee. They were bills that needed to be passed, and we were faced with the situation of trying to get a number of pieces of legislation enacted into law. They are all worthy pieces. I think that the committee amendments are fine. I think that the legislation is fine, and I would urge the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Would you like to close on the committee amendments, Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Just to state that every item in here has had a public hearing, has had adequate notice, has been voted on by the committee, has been reported out unanimously. But it's true, there is a lumping together of these issues. With respect to three of them, there is the shared interest in health insurance. With the other two remaining items, there is an update in the insurance code. My guess is that last year, when we passed the Omnibus Insurance Act, which took care of fees for agents, capitalization rates for companies, the powers of the department on liquidation across a number of different kinds of insurance, we may run afoul of the same Constitution principle. It's possible, I don't know, these are matters for a later time for the judiciary to apply with respect to whether or not there is an underlying code. This, basically, makes omnibus changes, it's true, but changes that have the support of the body, at least the committee anyway, who have had public hearings and who generally update our code for contemporary circumstances, which the committee is compelled to feel that action should be taken. I would move the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. Oh, Senator Warner, your light came on. Did you...The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

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