

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President, and members, I have a lot I could say on this bill. I'm not going to speak on it to any great extent at this time. If Senator Kristensen wants to use some of my time, I would be glad to let him have the rest of my time. But I want to say this at the outset, I'm not in 100 percent agreement with Senator Kristensen's amendment. I think it's probably better than what we started out with but very basically once you pass LB 88 if you like the way your insurance rates have been moving the last few years, which is generally up, be prepared for those rates to continue to move in that direction. And I would say that they will probably move in an accelerated manner. I think you have to recognize that many times what we do on this floor in the interest of so-called equity winds up in the final analysis costing the people of this state lots of money from a totally unexpected source. So if Senator Kristensen wants to use my time now, he can. I'm not going to even say whether I'm going to support the amendment or not. I think that, you know, I sort of have to just think back to a couple of days ago when we were talking about the necessity of petition circulators knowing what they're doing. If those of us on this floor had to pass a test on what this bill does, I doubt that very many of us would be able to vote on the bill. So I encourage more discussion and more debate and, Senator Kristensen, if you want my time, you can have it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen, you have about three and a half minutes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you very much. Thank you, Senator Schmit I would like to continue on just with what my amendment does do because there are some additional things here. As you know or may not know, I introduced LB 262. It received a fair hearing at the Judiciary Committee. There was extended debate and extended discussion. That bill did not advance out of committee. Part of what I'm introducing comes from that bill. This is part...the next part of my amendment, there are two sections to it, the one was the joint and several that I just discussed earlier; the second part deals with subdivisions, the city, the county, the state and their limited role of doing inspections. This was not part of my LB 262, this was part of what came out of the public hearing for amendments. My purpose here is not to kill LB 88. I repeat, my purpose here is not to kill LB 88. The other part of my amendment deals with inspections. Cities, counties and the state do certain