

SENATOR WESELY: ...to move forward in this area and to adopt the sort of model legislation that is being proposed with LB 233 and the other bills that will be following, so that together the individual states can adopt an adequate and, at least, a minimal effort to try and regulate insurance so that we can indicate back to the federal government and to the Congress, to the President, that the states are able to meet this challenge and are able to handle this responsibility and, thus, will not need or call for a federal preemption in this area. It is a sword hanging over us at this point, that I think is important to note that that federal preemption is a possibility. More than that, there is the concern about if we aren't regulating solvency adequately in insurance, they have guarantee funds, and I won't have time to get into this, but I would like the chance to talk about guarantee funds, because that is ultimately the taxpayers of the states, and many states, in any event, and at least in Nebraska...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...paying for any insolvencies that result.

SPEAKER BAACK: Further discussion, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. I didn't hear right away, Mr. Speaker. I do have also concerns about our insurance companies and any of those industries that do have to remain solvent and in cyclical times. Senator Landis, would you yield to some questions.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, I would.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I have not read the bill word for word, but in your summary of purposes and changes, it said this bill would eliminate the determination of rates by industrywide rating bureaus...

SENATOR LANDIS: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...and, instead, advisory organizations by the Department of Insurance. Is this called deregulation or