

Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Discussion on the Hall amendment. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes. Senator Hall, if you would respond to a question, I would appreciate it. I recall back in the early, early days of this session getting some correspondence on this bill from some people...from some insurance agents back in my district who were concerned about it. Then I understood there were some amendments. But what changes were made in the current draft of this bill that were not in the bill as introduced and how do they affect some of this negative reaction that some folks may have had early on?

SENATOR HALL: Okay, Senator Withem, the bill as it was originally introduced, allowed for the information to be available to anyone who requested it. In other words, one agent could go in, get a record, get the file on another agent, take it out, basically shop their client list and say, look, this guy you're dealing with is...he's a bad character. He has had three or four violations. He's had 10 complaints filed against him and I don't think you should be doing business with him.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: Here's my record, I'm clean as...

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: ...the driven snow. What we've done here is narrowed it down so that the only individuals who have availability to this information are prospective employers, and...

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, access to information then is the key, key difference...

SENATOR HALL: That was...

SENATOR WITHEM: ...between the two.

SENATOR HALL: ...that was the key issue here.