

organization. So I'd ask for this amendment to this resolution to recognize that organization as well. I'd move the adoption of the amendment...or are we on the amendment?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Yes, we are on the amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, then I would move that amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. I will now recognize senators wishing to speak to this amendment, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, members. If Senator Wesely would respond to a question, I would be interested in knowing what the amendment was.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Hall, down in several of the whereases toward the end, there is a whereas that says organizations such as the National Conference of Insurance Legislators, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners work cooperatively with state legislatures and state insurance commissioners to address common needs and problems. I am simply adding to those other two the National Conference of State Legislatures, NCSL, because the NCSL has been working on this as well.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, thank you, Senator Wesely. I support Senator Wesely's amendment and rise in support of Senator Landis's proposal. The issue of McCarran-Ferguson, it is uniquely, I guess, placed in the insurance industry, I happen to work there in my other life. This is a critical issue. It is being advanced, changed, the repeal of McCarran-Ferguson by folks like Mr. Dingell on the basis that it allows insurance companies, the insurance industry a preferential treatment in regards to antitrust. What will happen is exactly the opposite. What you will see is that you won't keep rates from going down, you will keep them, you will force them up, and folks say, well, that's just the industry blowing in the wind. Ladies and gentlemen, it can be put on paper and proven because when you don't allow them that information as it relates to the data that Senator Landis pointed out, what you are doing is asking them to come to terms with premium costs blindly. And, you know, the argument has always been, well, basically, what they do is they