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aware...really, the only ones I really know, are the people at Prairie Life and the people at Westroads Club.

SENATOR HABERMAN: What are they objecting to specifically?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I don't know, I don't think Prairie Life, I don't know if they have been in existence seven years.

SENATOR HABERMAN: What are they specifically objecting to in the bill?

SENATOR ASHFORD: All right, what their basic, at least to the best...I can capsule it this way, I think, generally is I don't think there is any problem with putting into a bill standards that these companies have to adhere to. The problem is in that there should be enforcement provisions to make sure that they comply. The concern is that the Legislature is getting into the power to contract, and at the get (interruption)...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Can't you just answer my...boil it down, just answer, what are they objecting to in the bill?

SENATOR ASHFORD: They are objecting to the Legislature getting involved in the contracting part of it. The enforcement is one thing. The contracting is another, and that is the objection.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, it seems to me if they are going to object, they would object to posting a \$150,000 bond. Now that I could understand, but as I understand it, do they understand that there has been 172 complaints filed with the Attorney General's Office? Do they understand...

SENATOR ASHFORD: And I think we need to beef up the enforcement, but what I am concerned about is getting involved in the con...the Legislature, as a matter of philosophy, getting involved in a contract.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, really, we control many, many, many businesses, do we not? Through legislation, we...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Probably many, many, many too many, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, I agree with that, but this is the