

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: We are about to begin the afternoon legislative deliberation. Would like the members of the Legislature to please return to the Chamber and record their presence.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, we do have a quorum present, what is our first item of business?

CLERK: Mr. President, the Legislature recessed while considering LB 37. Senator Preister had offered an amendment, AM1083, Mr. President, that's found on page 1220 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: We are discussing the Preister amendment. For discussion the Chair recognizes Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would ask the Chair to rule on the germaneness of the Preister amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I would be happy to do that, Senator Coordsen. I think what I would like to do is maybe hear from you as an explanation as to why you think it's questionable and then allow Senator Preister maybe to respond as to why he thinks it is, and then make an arbitrary decision after I've heard from both of you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: (Laughter.) And I would agree with that. Certainly, arbitrary decision is only arbitrary if it goes the other way. My contention is...are fairly simple and I think Senator Preister knows there's two things. One, it is a completely different section of statute, Section 44 rather than Section 60 which is addressed by 37, and though both the amendment or the proposed amendment and the bill do speak to liability insurance policies, they are addressed from completely different standpoints in that 37 reflects upon the necessity or, in fact, the mandated responsibility of citizens to keep the minimum standards of financial responsibility on their vehicles at any times they're operated on the roads. The Preister amendment is in the rate setting sections of statute and gets