

urge the subsequent support for the Preister amendment as well. With that, I would give any time I have left to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER WITHEM: About two and a half minutes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Will, and, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, these are the kind of issues that hit me right where I live because they are the type of issues where individuals who are helpless against the wrongfulness of the government look to those of us who represent supposedly the better side of society in terms of its activity toward those who can't help themselves, they look to us for equity and justice. That's what they're looking to us for. I heard somebody comment or make reference to the possibility of rates rising for everybody if Senator Preister's amendment is adopted. Well, even if that were true, which I don't believe it is, what is the situation now? It cannot be demonstrated that the people in these areas make more or greater claims based on this aspect of the policy than are made anywhere else in this state, anywhere else. So you're saying these people who are poor, in the first instance, are subsidizing and underwriting the policies of all these other people throughout the city, throughout the state or wherever this particular company would operate. You're saying that when it comes to this particular specific type of coverage that Senator Preister is talking about you cannot demonstrate that the people in these areas make more or greater claims to justify a higher premium. So if that is not the case but they're paying a higher premium,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...their paying a high premium makes it possible for the premiums everywhere else to be lower, and there might be more accidents in other places and I'm sure numerically there are because there are more people driving vehicles. You all are the policymakers. This is the lawmaking body. This is the state speaking, and the state knows that there is discrimination occurring and the state can correct it. I hope we will override the Chair so that we can have not only a thorough discussion but reach the point where we will do the right thing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Landis, on the motion to overrule.