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from the policyholders or people who could be policyholders, and then one from the general public, because policyholders is one part of the public, the general public is another set, because they're often ratepayers for health insurance policies and they have a responsibility here. So basically that gives us more representation on the CHIP board for noninsurance based representatives. One last thing that's in the CHIP portion of this amendment, and that is we currently say two different messages. CHIP board, set the CHIP policy premium at 135 percent of the standard rate; then we also say, CHIP board, set the rate at a reasonable amount, someplace between 150 and maybe like 125, I think maybe it has that provision. But it says...one says the rate is 135 percent, and another place we say, set it at where you will, at a reasonable amount. The policyholders have always told us, pick the amount, let us do that in the Legislature rather than an insurance company dominated board, because we fear that it's going to be at 150 percent, if they get their way. So we've gone with the policyholders, and we've chosen between those two, and we've said, stick it at 135 percent of the standard rate. That piece of discretion is taken from the board, and it returns it back to here, where we have exercised it in the past, but not exclusively, and it should be exclusive. That's a fast explanation. I will do better by you after lunch. My recommendation is that we recess for lunch. You'll have this to take a look at, the amendment will be in your laptop, and I'll be around to answer questions, and we can spend a moment of time thinking about this before we act too precipitously on these...these two ideas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Senator Suttle, you're recognized for a motion to recess us until 1:30 p.m.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that we recess until 1:30 this afternoon.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the motion. The question before the body is, shall we recess? All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. We are recessed.