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against low income and minority populations in particular.  
Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. We are discussing the committee amendments to LB 1119. Senator Engel, followed by Senator Dwite Pedersen. Senator Engel, on the amendment.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, first of all, I do support the committee amendments and I do support the bill. I do believe that the insurance companies will be able to respond much, much more quickly to the marketplace with this bill, the not having to go through the Insurance Department for all their rate adjustments. The Insurance Department will still be the ultimate authority, from what I understand, but, however, if a company is financially sound and they can discuss these rates with these bigger accounts and they can negotiate, then I think overall you're going to see a savings in insurance premiums in the state of Nebraska for these...for these commercial accounts and also it will speed up the process. So many times when you have to go through the department, and I don't blame the department, it just takes time. It takes time and sometimes it takes excessive time to come up with approval for a different rating structure. So I do believe this is...this is a good bill, and it will be good for the state of Nebraska, and good for the people who are buying...buying this insurance. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Senator Landis, if you would answer some questions for me please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Landis?

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll do my best.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I have a constituent that's very concerned about this amendment, committee amendments, and, basically, I've got some questions I just want to ask you that