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the feeling of the department they're just simply not necessary. They're not necessary for a couple of different reasons, but if you will recall, the very first amendment or the portion of the amendment of AM0543 changes a "may" to a "shall." That, in itself, limits the discretion of the department, of the Director of Insurance. It squeezes down on his latitude to do with these policies as he sees fit. I will say that I believe that we have one of the best, if not the best, Department of Insurance in the entire country. I trust it to do the right thing for not only the citizens of Nebraska but then also, in this particular case, when we're talking about file and use, for the companies of the state of Nebraska. You'll have to remember that the reason why we're going through this change to make it a file and use policy is to encourage insurance coverage. We want to encourage businesses to have proper insurance coverage, and limiting the discretion of the director doesn't fulfill that goal of this particular change in LB 216. And so for that reason, and I guess for some others, I would urge you not to vote for this motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. Further discussion? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, please think about what's happening here. And, Senator Quandahl, let me sure that we agree on certain facts. With respect to the statement in the bill that the director may review a policy form filing at any time after it has been made, do you agree that that language would give the director the latitude to choose not to review a form policy at all? Would...

SPEAKER BROMM: Are you asking Senator Quandahl a question, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Quandahl, would you respond?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Certainly. Certainly.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.