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SENATOR BEUTLER: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because I didn't remember debating. Okay, thank you. As much as I like Senator Hudkins' bill, I'm not going to support it if this is added. We are dealing with a complex area of the law. And it's one thing to say that conflict of laws courses in law school deal with these issues. I took a course in conflict of laws, and I got an "A" in it. That doesn't mean I support what is being done here. And it doesn't mean that one side's version of how a conflict of law should be resolved is the right one. We have been here today under extraordinary circumstances. And here's what I mean by that. We did not take a break. There was no opportunity to review this amendment. Some of us have been debating during the early part of the day. We have been on Final Reading. And now we're asked to adopt what I consider a very substantive amendment dealing with a controversial issue. So if the body decides to put it on the bill today, I can't stop them. But I can stop the bill. Not today. But we'll have plenty of time to debate the bill in all of the ins and outs. And I will hold it until the sides get together and decide what is the proper course to take. Why do I talk about the sides? I've been on the Business and Labor Committee, and we often do that on bills, bills that I support. But I will be prevailed on to let the two sides get together and discuss it, then bring it back to us. Everybody who's been on that committee for any period of time has seen that happen innumerable times. And it has happened on bills that various ones of us may have supported, or been opposed to, and wanted to take action right then. But because this is not the simplest area of the law, we have said, if there's discussion that can take place and discussion that ought to take place, we will not just pass a bill or put it out there just to put it out there. I was the one who was not present when the vote was taken. And I've been called some very unkind things by young Senator Bourne as a result of that. But that happens. But this bill, which was not controversial, is now controversial. And the jockey is bigger than the horse. I had worked with Senator Hudkins on that underlying bill. We were trying and trying to get some language that would keep insurance companies from weaseling out of their responsibility to pay