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nobody can tell me anything about the goodness of the insurance industry. They discriminate. They practice racism throughout. If you could list everything that the insurance companies do by assigning a letter of the alphabet and you would wind up with 26 items, or one for each letter of the alphabet, I would say from A to Z the insurance industry is shot through with racism. It's known. It's practiced. The federal government won't do anything about it. This Legislature won't do anything about it. So all of a sudden they're going to be elevated to a level where I, who am victimized, and my people are victimized by this insurance industry, and they are the ones whose testimony is supposed to sway my vote on anything? Why, that is preposterous. I've heard some of you all grumble and criticize the insurance industry and certain things that they do, complaints that your constituents...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or friends, sometimes even family members, will bring as to what these insurance agents, the companies, the industry itself may be doing which would be inappropriate. This bill is something that I believe ought to be enacted into law and I'm going to support it. No tests that are given by the insurance company, the federal government, the manufacturers of automobiles are worth anything in terms of determining whether or not a vehicle will be safe on the actual road. When they talked about some of these SUVs and rollovers, they discovered that the vehicle has a roof and supportive structures which would not hold up if you just turned the vehicle over and dropped it from a height of 12 inches. But that's supposed to be safe? They con the people and the Legislature will buy into some of those things. I don't believe motorcycles are safe. For my part, there is no safe way to ride a motorcycle. I would ban them from the public streets.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an amendment by Senator Redfield to be printed to LB 40 and LB 40A. (Legislative Journal pages 1209-1216.)