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before the body for five days before it goes to final passage into law. We have offered amendments when they had no public hearing. This is an innocuous amendment that does not affect the bill, but if people are going to dig their heels in and help these insurance companies and hurt the consumers, then I'm going to hurt the bill to the extent that I can. I think it is unreasonable if somebody's going to stand on this floor and say that the public is not entitled to be made aware of the fact that something they are purchasing may not be what it purports to be. And if there are legislators who know that that is the case and do not want the public to have that kind of notification, then I'd say those are venal legislators. And I don't know what their relationship is with the insurance companies or anybody else, but I'm concerned about the public, I'm concerned about the public knowing. That's why I spoke against this judge who wants to make secret various judicial proceedings and activities. The public is the one we're working for, not the insurance companies. When you all were salivating because the "whale" insurance company was going to come to Nebraska, you almost pushed me over the edge and made me fight against that bill. But Senator Mines calmed me down, and I guess he called his worshippers into line and told them, okay, you guys, don't overdo it now. Or maybe it was Curt Bromm at that time, but somebody did. So I'm going to listen to the debate. And the bill, the rest of it, may have some things in it with which I would disagree, but I've left it alone. This I'm not going to leave alone. And maybe I misheard and am operating on a false premise. I thought I heard somebody say that this amendment should not be adopted, because there was no public hearing. And if that is going to be the position, and if this amendment is defeated, then I'm going to bludgeon this bill and take time on this bill until cooler heads prevail and decide that the bill, overall, is worth more than trying to deny the public this notice. Who does not want to be informed? I look at these idiotic so-called information...infomercials on television, and they will even put some disclaimers on their advertisements. I don't know if the FCC requires it. But they will indicate that there are certain things which may not be available, it may not cover this, it may not cover that; and here we are, a Legislature establishing a policy, and we're supposed to be interested in and concerned about the welfare,