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assessment, total amount is 5 million bucks, that's what they owed in premium tax, but we send off \$2 million as an assessment to the CHIP pool. We've never had the circumstance in which the assessment to keep the CHIP pool solvent was greater than the premium tax the company owed Nebraska. But about a year or two ago it looked like it was possible that that would occur. So, since we had never really wrestled with that issue, we created a two-year temporary cap and said an insurance policy cannot be asked or assessed more than what they owe the state for premium tax. There's a lid, if you will, a cap. That cap comes off this year. And this bill extends the sunset for two years to the cap on the assessments for the premium tax offset. What will happen if the condition arises in which assessments are greater than premium taxes? At the present moment they'll be capped and we probably will have a General Fund implication for the state. If that occurs, we're going to need to consider how we intend to fund CHIP pool into the future. We have never had the situation. We've never weighed or considered what we should do under those circumstances, and this bill gives us two more years to have that cap in place. Ultimately we're going to have to face this issue. We don't have a timely plan at the moment because market conditions have always been such that we've been able to pool, we've been able to fund the CHIP pool by assessments. I would ask for the adoption...or the advancement of the bill because it keeps us exactly where we are now with respect to our public policy. With that having been explained, I'll be happy to go on to the committee amendments, if I'm so designated by the Chair.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Landis...or, Mr. Clerk, I understand there are committee amendments?

CLERK: There are Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee amendments, Mr. President. (See AM0013 on page 382 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Landis, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. A representative of Woodmen Accident and Life, Keith Prettyman, came to the committee and provided us the material you'll find in your laptop, which