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amendment since it's going to kill the bill? Senator Fowler, are you around?

SENATOR FOWLER: I didn't know it would kill the bill.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Oh yes, it will kill it.

SENATOR FOWLER: Why?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, because it will make it unworkable. Come on Stevie.

SENATOR FOWLER: But I won't be able to give my good closing. Couldn't you let me give my good closing?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Then will you withdraw it?

SENATOR FOWLER: I'm not sure. I think you ought to argue it on the merits, John.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I don't like it. It will kill the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you yielding your time to Senator Fowler so he can close?

SENATOR DeCAMP: If he'll close on the amendment, then I'll yield it, if nobody wants to talk.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Well Senator Landis wants to talk. Okay, Senator Fowler, would you like to...

SENATOR DeCAMP: I'm just trying to expedite things.

SPEAKER MARVEL: ...would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR FOWLER: I guess I would. Thanks, John. The concept with the amendment, and I do think I want to give you an opportunity to vote on it. I'd hate to deny that. The concept is that right now we have a situation where our State Supreme Court says that to practice law you must pay dues into the Bar Association. The Bar Association promotes the profession, regulates the profession...those types of things, and that's fine. It's a closed shop, but that's okay. But what is happening now is that the Bar Association is moving into a commercial venture in competition with private business. It's going to move into pre-paid legal insurance. Now maybe it could move into furniture sales. That could be an analogy. Maybe it could move into