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amendments. The Chair just realizes there will be two committees that will go out at one thirty. We will try to finish up this bill and that is as far as we can go so if you will hold on for that length of time until we get this bill finished then we can adjourn. Senator Goodrich, do you wish to speak to the committee amendment?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Just to emphasize what Senator DeCamp has in essence said already except that I have a bill, LB 422, which I am willing to withdraw and will use Senator Powers' bill because his bill is the result of the whole insurance industry getting together with the medical professional delivery industry and they came up with a bill that they can all agree on and it is Senator Ray Powers' bill and as soon as we get through, the next day or two, I will withdraw my bill on the subject matter. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, your light is on.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, just quickly, Senator DeCamp, did you say that this would mandate that they afford the coverage or that the coverage be in their policies?

SENATOR DE CAMP: This would mandate that it be available if somebody wants to buy it. They pay for it of course and it clears up what minimum things are, definitions, this kind of thing.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, I understand. What happens in the State of Nebraska if they should buy say, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, do we make the decision that everybody is in or those that want in may be in or how does that work on a group coverage policy?

SENATOR DE CAMP: This only affects group policies so when they offer it, the group would say, we want you to give us a bid with this in, a, b, c, and d, or we don't want the alcohol thing but at least they have to make it available and offer it.

SENATOR NICHOL: And so it would be up to the Legislature or somebody to decide whether or not we had this in the state group policy?

SENATOR DE CAMP: That is a big ten four.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you.