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SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, not disagreeing at all, no.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins, we are off the amendment. We are only on one specific amendment.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I understand, Mr. Speaker. I think we are speaking to the bill now, aren't we?

SENATOR CLARK: No, we are on one specific amendment.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I thought we already voted for the severability...

SENATOR CLARK: We cannot debate the bill on Final Reading.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I see. I apologize. I am sorry for bringing the matter up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you. The question before the House is the severability clause to be added as explained by Senator Decamp. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the DeCamp amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion is adopted. Senator DeCamp, what do you want to do with the bill?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I would move to advance it and I know Senator Higgins may want to discuss it further. I do have a little bit more information. We have a letter, a ruling from the attorneys that says that language in there does exempt the University exactly as I described. Second, it is not so much that we are creating something as we are consolidating. We are taking out of here. We are eliminating a cost and expense. Out of here we are eliminating one. We are going to be eliminating some personnel. We have costs for setting it up over here with one person and we may use somebody from the Insurance Department. That may be where their best pick is because they certainly do have expertise but if they are going to be effective they have to be as a separate overlooker, not part of a regulator of existing insurance companies. So, I would urge you to advance the bill and pass it on Final then when it comes up. It is a major change. It is, long term, I think a major savings and sure like anything, we are going to have to watch to make sure that whoever gets this job is qualified, that we stay on top of it and hopefully we will. And I know with Marge here, certainly that will happen. So as I say, I