

felt, was fair. That is why that amendment is there. I would urge adoption of the committee amendments, as amended by the Conway amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion on the committee amendments? The question is the adoption of the committee amendments, as amended. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to vote? If you care to vote, please do so. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, this is just the committee amendment. I would like to get it adopted so they can discuss the bill, whether they are going to vote against the bill or not. If necessary, I suppose, we can have a call of the house. How many are excused?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Four.

SENATOR DECAMP: I guess I'll ask for a call of the house and call ins, if necessary.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Before we go back to the bill, may I introduce some guests of Senator Labeledz, please. In the south balcony we have 33 fifth and eighth grade students from St. Mary's in Omaha, accompanied by teachers. Would you please rise and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator DeCamp, we are back to the bill. Would you like to explain the bill now.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I'll try to do so fairly briefly. This bill was before the Legislature last year, as you know. At the end of the session, I think, it died along with a lot of other bills, at least that is my recollection of the situation. It didn't have enough votes, as I recall, to advance off General at that time. It is a controversial bill. It pits basically the insurance industry against other segments, including some of the trial attorneys, and I guess I'd say including some of the citizenry. What is the essence of prejudgment interest? The essence of it is simply this, if somebody has a right to damages, ultimately