

advance it. I think Senator Nelson is going to offer a proposal. I'm going to accept it. I think some others are. I'm certainly going to be for accepting them, but we have dealt with the insurance companies most fairly in here over the years and I think I know that better than anybody because I've carried almost all their legislation. I'm going to give you one example of how eminently fair we've treated the insurance companies and I'm going to guess out of the 49 of us here there aren't five that really know this. Commonwealth went broke. Now we're asked to pick up the tab. Do you know that there already is a system in existence? Yes, my friends, there is a system in existence at this very moment in time that if an insurance company goes broke, even though everybody ostensibly thinks the insurance companies have this pool, insurance pool that picks up the damage, do you know who really picks it up? Jim Joyce, John DeCamp...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...because they get to deduct it dollar for dollar, dollar for dollar from their insurance premium so it's the taxpayers picking it up if any insurance company fails. My point, yeah, I did it, my point is, we have treated them more than fair. Now I'm asking you to give a little equity to the other side. Yes, Senator Remmers, you're frowning. That really does exist. I know, I helped design it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR DECAMP: I urge you not to kill the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, then Senator Beutler, but I'd like to introduce some guests of Senator Hannibal first. In the south balcony we have 120 students from Omaha Beverage Junior High School and their teachers. Would you please rise and be welcomed by the Legislature. This appears to be Omaha day here. Thank you for coming. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, my esteemed colleague across the aisle, Senator Vard Johnson, hit the nail on the head when he said on this legislative floor, yes, I am stalling and delaying some cases. That's the issue. He is doing this and maybe some other people are