

unstraight than that which is before us. There are other matters related to this bill that I think need to be dealt with, but it is good to start with the name. There was an individual who once said that if you want a dog killed, just tell the people that it is a mad dog, and the concept that people have of what a mad dog is will take care of the rest and whether the dog is mad or not, they will react to it in that fashion. So the label we place on a thing determines the perception of it and if a thing is perceived as being real to people, then it is real in its consequences. So if the label on this association, on these two associations, gives the impression that they are State of Nebraska subsidiaries, then the public is being misled. It has been made crystal clear by those who support this bill that the State of Nebraska is not involved in this at all, except if you take the people, as a whole, to designate the state because the people are the ones who will be required to bail out the insurance companies. I am using all of these words and all of this time, at this point, Senator Vard Johnson, who is watching me like a hawk, to say that I erred yesterday. But I was not wrong when I said that I hate insurance companies. I was not wrong when I said they remain one fingernail within the law and if I didn't say it, I should have said it, they are as close to an outlaw operation as you can find since the robber barons. They have more power than the power of some state governments. That is how they are able to work their will. Another way they are able to work their will is to find senators in the position I was in yesterday...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...who are inattentive and have their eyes not completely open. Senator Conway, Senator Higgins, my eyes having been opened, I, having been awakened from a deep slumber, never again can I fall into a sleep which was so sound or so deep. Senator Johnson, they say, let sleeping dogs lie, and some people say, let lying dogs sleep. But however we phrase it, I'm going to join you in nipping, barking and ripping away at this bill until we either bring some justice or bring it down.

PRESIDENT: Senator...Is there further discussion on the Conway amendment? Senator Conway, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator