

enacting clause. You can consider it there now, unless you want to give me the same opportunity to speak that Senator Pappas used.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, Senator Pappas put a motion up and he had a right to speak. Then he withdrew it and we have nothing in front of us. Now so that you may know that you may speak, there is another motion coming on the same bill. If you wish to put your own motion up, of course you can.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Do you want me to wait until after the next motion?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem, you want to withdraw yours, Senator?

SENATOR WITHEM: (Response inaudible.)

CLERK: Okay. In that case, Mr. President, Senator Higgins would move to return the bill. (See Higgins amendment found on page 1523 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now the reason I wanted to speak to this bill, as my friend, Senator Pappas, said, he knows the 25 votes are there. He's been telling me how he has voted against this bill. Then he stands up and he says, but I want to make sure all of you know it's going to take 33 votes in order for it to work. Now let's understand this. Pappas has not been fooling me by voting against the bill in order to convince me that it is not Chip Thomas of the Nebraska Hospital Association's bill. You look at the committee reports. Who is for the bill? The doctors are for it, the nursing homes are for it, the hospitals are for it, and of course the good old insurance companies. The only people that wouldn't be for it, if they knew about it, are the people themselves that are going to