

stymied is demonstrated in its naked, unvarnished form. Power politics is at work here today and I think it is a terrible thing. All of those amendments that were added that complicate a simple concept were reluctantly accepted by those who support this bill. They knew that good faith was not behind a lot of that activity but they fought. If they demeaned themselves enough, groveled long enough and appealed in a most abject fashion to the oppressor, they could get a crumb. They are seeing now that it did no good. When you give up your dignity, when you sacrifice your principles, the one to whom you sacrifice is emboldened by your giving up these things that are supposedly important. They don't have scruples. They don't have ethics. Do you know there is a very large insurance company that writes medical malpractice and lawyer malpractice who insured lawyers on condition that they never allow a settlement? And anybody who is interested enough can find the name of the company. That is a requirement. And one of the lawyers who defended this insurance company against...malpractice suits against lawyers was ordered never to make a settlement. Never. That was a condition of the insurance being granted and a condition of this hired gun being hired. We have all dealt with insurance companies in one form or another.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We have gotten letters from constituents about how the insurance companies jack up premiums. When you pass this bill requiring mandatory insurance in order to drive a car, you are going to see the insurance companies take advantage of it immediately and jack up the premiums. They get anything they want and they are going to get it today. Then when they set up one of these lobbying affairs, the senators will trot over there and treat these kind of people with such respect. It is disgusting. Then I saw something that I couldn't believe. Somebody is putting on an affair to thank the lobbyists, to thank the lobbyists. That is like a dying animal on the desert thanking the buzzard. I can't believe what goes on around here, but I also can't pass up these opportunities that are presented to discuss the reality that is involved in legislating. I am opposed to the motion to bracket.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, then Senator Haberman.