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Cross-Blue Shield contracts with hospitals, okay, this kind of thing. It deletes them. That's it, and of course, a severability clause has been attached. So that's what the bill does. It lets Blue Cross-Blue Shield out of the bill and deals with the jury instruction.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator DeCamp, before you run out I would like to ask you a couple of questions. As I read your handout it says this amendment incorporates all of the formerly adopted amendments to LB 157. Would that mean the amendment they adopted saying that attorneys do not receive any prejudgment interest?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, ma'am.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Second question. Two additions have been made. A new subsection has been added to address a particular problem, namely contractual disputes involving third party insurance providers with health care providers, Blue Cross-Blue Shield contracts with hospitals, et cetera. Are you saying that then Blue Cross and Blue Shield...

SENATOR DECAMP: Is out of the bill.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And what is the reason for putting them out?

SENATOR DECAMP: Didn't think that that was a problem and needed additional strength for the bill, as simply as I can put it in the English language.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Is it because they are a service corporation?

SENATOR DECAMP: That's it, that's it. That's the reason.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And because they are not actually a hospital...

SENATOR DECAMP: Absolutely.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...that would...would Mutual of Omaha be in this?