

insurance plan to cover your family. So I think the amendment is good. I doubt very much whether we'll even get to LB 276. I will urge you to adopt this amendment and I am surprised that Senator Pappas is not supporting it because I feel deep down in his heart he knows that it is a good amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas, then Senator Nelson.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Pappas, a minute. (Gavel.) Shall we please hold it down so we can hear Senator Pappas. Thank you.

SENATOR PAPPAS: I have never argued with Senator Labeledz on integrity and the real meaning of what the bill should be, as she knows I carried it before. I do feel a better place for this amendment would be on 276 which I am a co-sponsor with and she could probably make it her priority bill and it would be very fitting there. I think one thing I might point out that the bill as it is, and because it is my bill, it's been kind of going along like it's the Queen Mary, but unfortunately, if this amendment goes on, all of a sudden my nice little cruise ship is going to become the Titanic and it is going to sink. And to remind people what happened four years ago, I had a very similar bill that was very honorable in trying to do everything everybody is trying to do, but unfortunately when it passed with, I think, about 34 votes. It went over to the Governor's and he vetoed it and I'm quite sure he'll veto this one again and four years ago I could not muster 30 votes to override his veto and I do not think it can be done again this year and especially when we're talking about budgetary restraints, shortage of money because there will be a high fiscal note come back on this on Final Reading. So I would, even though I very seldom take exception or disagree with my friendly senator from the north and the one that sits besides me here, but I'd urge this body to reject this amendment and pass the bill on to Final Reading as it is formed now.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson, then Senator Abboud.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I will make this very brief. I, too, have the same concerns as Senator Labeledz, Senator Morehead and Senator Pappas. I had an employee of the state