

and then Senator Haberman. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am like everyone else here, I guess Senator DeCamp said we have been approached by both sides of this question and it has been here, as has been said, ever since I have been here, every year. It would appear to me as a lay person, not being a legal mind or any relationship to the insurance department, that there is in this proposal, at least, a truly sincere effort to hit somewhere a middle of the road and I am still not sure I am going to vote but I have got two or three questions that I would like to ask Senator DeCamp, I guess, if I may, and it is for my own knowledge that I am asking these. First of all, Senator DeCamp, (gavel) you are talking about the California rule, how long has the California rule been in existence and do you have any record of its success or failures or what do you know about it?

SENATOR DECAMP: That is a very good question. The truth is I do not now how long it has been in existence or what the records are. I think I understand it is supposed to be working okay, but I will tell you what, rather than give an off-the-cuff answer, I would check it out for you thoroughly. Maybe Senator Landis has some information. Does anybody in the room know? I don't know the entire details on the California...basically, it is a concept and the concept, as I say, is pretty well laid out there. But how long it has functioned there, I don't know. I will try to check right away.

SENATOR CARSTEN: If I may, Mr. President, Senator Landis, can you answer that question, since you apparently...(interruption).

SENATOR LANDIS: I cannot, Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: I think we ought to have, at least before I make a definite decision, I think we ought to have that answered. Secondly, Senator DeCamp, the statement has been made, and a judgment has to be made by someone relative to the reasonable offer. Senator DeCamp, I know the press is an interesting group of people to visit with, but this is kind of major too, I think. You refer to or this refers to, and Senator Landis has referred to a reasonable offer. Who makes the judgment of whether that offer is reasonable or