

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, it does.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you. Members of the body...

SENATOR DECAMP: Do you want me to explain it?

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...I want you to be awfully, awfully careful when you adopt this amendment because on 1232 it is a true compromise bill that the committee put out. Now this amendment that we are going to adopt is wrong. It goes further than the two entities involved agreed on. I want you to be sure that you understand that. This isn't even an end around run play. This is a "bumaroosky" play, so I ask you not to adopt this amendment. What's fair is fair and this is a fair body. The committee had a fair hearing. They heard both sides. The compromise was made and the bill was put out. Now, what they are trying to do is to change all of that and I don't think it is right. So I can't support and will not support this amendment because it isn't fair, it isn't right and on those issues alone, those two words, I ask you not to adopt the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the DeCamp amendment? Senator DeCamp or Senator Landis, do you wish to close? Senator DeCamp, we have run out of speakers, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, very quickly, try to address some of the questions raised. Senator Carsten asked when the California thing went into effect. It was 1982, no particular record. A question has been raised about prejudgment interest, what's some of the purpose. That was a district judge over in Iowa, one of the fairly prominent ones, Judge Lavarotto, or something like that. He has publicly made the statement that prejudgment interest...and they have a wide open bill, much more wide open than this one, he said it was the single most important factor in forcing and getting cases settled, getting cases moving. So the other thing Senator Haberman raised, he said, what about LB 1232? That was a bill that was agreed to by both sides. That is not accurate. I think I introduced that bill, as I recall, and that bill is the insurance industry's version. I have no problems with it. It doesn't go as far. Here are the differences. Number one, 1232 exempts Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Okay, I have no problem with exempting them if