

substantially changes the original bill, and it appears that Senator Johnson's amendment that there may be substantial policy and legal issues involved. I think it is inappropriate to adopt the entire Lynch amendment at this time without further study. Do you, those of you who have been around in the Legislature for awhile remember when the state with the Marsh proposed bill mandated that if health insurance was available for parents and in effect, that immediately after birth newborn infants were covered? Why was that proposal offered? Because some of the health insurance policies in the state had a two week exclusionary comment in their policy or a four week exclusionary, and who got caught? The young married couples who had a critically ill infant born who needed immediate help. The cost needed to be spread. What are we saying? We do not as a legislative body have the self-control to look at a piece of legislation, to decide whether that is good policy for our state. We are going to close the door so we don't have people asking us for proposed legislative changes. I believe we need the self-control at the legislative level, not LB 895. I certainly will support Senator Johnson's amendment. I am not sure whether I will support 895 without it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lynch is next but may I introduce some guests of Senator Peterson in the north balcony. We have 34 ladies from the Norfolk Business and Professional Women. Would you please stand and be recognized? Thank you for visiting with us today. Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman and members, everything Senator Marsh said as well is true. What is interesting though is that we are talking about establishing a state policy, a state policy that will only apply to I think in my estimation less than 20 percent of the people in this state. The other 80 percent won't be affected by it at all. Just keep that in mind. What kind of policy should we have in this state that does something like that? Traffic laws, seat belt laws, name it, whatever you want or think of. Would we develop a policy that would only apply to a certain percentage of people? I am concerned about this because it appears there may be a villain type of a character developing and there really isn't. I have to tell you that insurance companies, at least the one that I work for, is very consumer oriented. I didn't see any other president of any other company opposing additional beds which were the