

want more people on that study committee than insurance companies. I would want some knowledgeable people that don't represent insurance companies included on such a task force to do the study. So I guess the best judgment I can make at this time, and I hope I am making the right decision, is I will not support the Johnson amendment because I would like to see Lynch's bill and see what happens because I do have a concern about the mandated insurance. John, you can't say you didn't win one from me once, that I am so bullheaded that I never change my mind. I am thinking along your lines now. I am not quite ready to say you are 100 percent right but at least you have gotten to the point where I think...I am thinking a little bit more about how it really will affect all Nebraskans if we keep adding, and adding, and adding coverages that not all of us need. I would really like to see a policy sometime where we mandate those things that are most common...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...and those other diseases would be kind of offered as an a la carte and you would pay a small additional premium for it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman is next but may I introduce some guests in the south balcony. Senator Lynch has 54 fifth grade students from Omaha, the Springville Elementary School with their principal and five other adults. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting with us this morning. You are having the privilege of seeing your own senator in action.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, then Senator Carsten.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, members of the body, a couple of questions of Senator DeCamp, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yeah, go ahead.

SENATOR HABERMAN: If I understand it correctly from your remarks, you stated that this would give the buyer or the purchaser of the insurance the right to choose what coverage they would want in their plan, is that correct?

SENATOR DECAMP: What I am saying is the right to choose exists now in most areas. We do have a couple of mandated