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Yesterday I attended the second meeting of the CCTF. There were surprisingly a lot of people there and it was a most interesting gathering indeed! I just thought I'd provide you with a brief recap of the event as it was immediately clear that despite what may have been contained in the enabling House Bill 2078, the agenda was pretty focused on one item in particular. That item is the creation of an insurance pool for the construction industry.

Notwithstanding the appearance of being created to do a great deal more [as indicated in Section 1(2) and 1(3)] for the consumer, it became quite evident that Section 1(4) will get the vast majority of attention from this particular committee. That is the section that focuses on the creation of a pooled type of insurance vehicle for the construction industry as noted above. They also spent an inordinate amount of time debating and trying to figure out how they might avert answering questions posed by the public [I guess that was provided under Section 1(10)]. All together the experience was a bit deflating given that there were some high hopes that the committee would address some of the more meaningful concerns of those of us that have been brutalized by the system.

If I sound a bit cynical I trust you will understand and accept my apology. At least it's better to know up front what the circumstance is versus wasting a lot of time and energy attending meetings. I suppose the most disappointing element of the day was the realization that these folks will be essentially tasked with reviewing a great deal of insurance related technicalities, approving an RFP and then making recommendations on programs of coverage, administration and risk pooling that they have absolutely no qualifications to perform. Only one person on the panel has any insurance related background and that person seems to have drawn a lot of criticism already for statements made at the last meeting.

Oh well, I am grateful for the information you provided and I wanted to let you know that I did, in fact, attend. Thank you once again.

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