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"Merger mania" is underway in the health insurance industry. The Supreme Court decision, *King v. Burwell*, is a big win for consumers. It upholds the Affordable Care Act (ACA) giving subsidies to people who buy private insurance through the federal marketplace. But, as Wendell Potter points out in this recent blog post, it is also a big win for insurance companies, whose arguments in an amicus brief appear to have influenced Justice Roberts to write his opinion upholding the law.

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Much has been written about the dash to pass a state budget before last night's deadline. Just as in the Cinderella tale, midnight passed and now in the light of day, we see clear winners and losers.

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The Connecticut Insurance Department will hold public hearings July 27 on proposals by three insurance companies to raise rates on health plans for 2016. Altogether, the plans offered by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, ConnectiCare and Golden Rule Insurance Company cover 70,553 policyholders who purchased insurance for themselves through the state's individual insurance market.

Key Quote:

"Congress passed the Affordable Care Act to improve health insurance markets, not destroy them."

- Chief Justice John Roberts

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