

have time, while we're discussing this kill motion, and look at some of the things that it allows for. It allows for two different types of determination on sale of the business. In other words, there is one set of criteria that has to be met if you're going to sell...if Senator Hannibal, for example, wanted to sell his beer distributorships to me. But if Senator Hannibal wanted to sell it to his brother, there would be a totally different set of criteria that could be met. Those, of course, that stay within the family as written in LB 371 are much less. Those criteria don't have to be the same even though we're dealing with the issue of liquor here and the fact that we have clearly stated that it can be a problem. Senator Hannibal's brother could be a felon and it would not apply in this case. In my case he would not...if I were a felon, he could not sell it to me. I mean those are the kinds of things that LB 371 hides in the language that is underlined in it and it's just one of those bills that sneaks in every year that we pay little attention to because the industry has signed off on it, the lobby is supporting it and I think we don't often take the time to look at it. But when it raises its head in a priority bill status, it was one of the bills as I went through the list and said there at least, at least should be some amendments to it, and I don't blame Senator Smith and the committee because I'm a member of that committee. It's just I did not take the time then to go through it prior to discussing it in Exec Session and I'm taking the time on the floor here today to do that. The kill motion is one that I intend to follow through with. I think the bill is not needed. I'll wait to hear Senator Ashford's response to that because I see no reason why there needs to be further protections for this industry when we have a franchise act that allows for the protections that Senator Ashford stated that the bill currently has as drafted. I don't see why the statutes need to be changed, the whole franchise act completely wiped out through the passage of LB 371 as written needs to take place at this time. There is no good cause. I have not heard of any problems that have arisen with regard to beer franchise holders. I've not heard where any wholesaler has had their parent company come down and say, if you do not shape up, that we are going to pull your franchise. I have heard nothing of the kind that would lead me to believe that a total restructuring of the franchise act, a total rewrite as provided by LB 371 needs to take place. And with that, Mr. President, I would offer the kill motion so that Senator Ashford can explain the need for LB 371. Thank you.