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dollars. I would ask Senator Hoagland respectfully not to repeat this incident, not to push forward with an amendment that guts the bill or makes it inoperable and unworkable. It just simply destroys it. I don't know how to say it other than that. I repeat, seventy-six percent of the various businesses covered and everything I have been able to check out, have less than the ten employees.

SENATOR CLARK: You have got 30 seconds.

SENATOR DeCAMP: As a practical matter, however, the amendment he offers has other technical difficulties including additional bureaucracy, calculations of part-time and full-time workers, ways of getting around it with family members. It just completely destroys the whole mechanism and system of the bill. I urge you to reject it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Question.

SENATOR CLARK: There is no question needed. There is no one else up.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Is there another amendment?

SENATOR CLARK: No.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Aren't we speaking on....

SENATOR CLARK: We're on an amendment. There is no one else to speak on it. We are going to have Senator Hoagland close on his amendment now.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, let me say to Senator DeCamp that if he would like to compromise on this amendment and bring it down to five employees, I would have no problem with that. But let me tell you what my concern about this thing is. You know, this is an era of "let's get the government off our backs". Now we are supposed to have a conservative Legislature here and I read in the newspaper yesterday that all we do is rubber stamp bills through and there is not really enough opposition...well...not enough debate on the issues. Now let me tell you as far as I am concerned this is a perfect opportunity to get in and nip a new regulatory and taxation scheme in the bud unless it is truly justified. Now we have been hearing a lot at the national