

into cement, we don't need the bill and, oh, he has raised many, many questions to get your attention and has wrung his hands and said, we shouldn't have this thing and that he has a series of amendments that are going to improve the bill. Well, let's do this. Let's do not kill the bill and then let's listen to Senator Hall's amendments and see exactly what they do. He says they are fairly simple, they clean the bill up, so let's do not kill the bill, let's listen to his amendments, let's see where he is coming from and decide on them when the vote comes. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall, followed by Senators Ashford and Smith.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. The...I guess I still haven't got an answer to my question. My question was, why do we need 371? Senator Ashford spoke to the issue of franchise law and how it has been changing over the last 10 to 15 years and I guess that's why we enacted the franchise act back in 1978 to provide for those protections. That, as far as I know, is still on the books and I don't know that there have been any cases in Nebraska with regard to beer wholesalers that either affect the airline industry, the service that is provided to them, common law or some of the other things that he alluded to in his response to the kill motion. Again, I apologize for the fact that this came up as quickly as it did. I left without the agenda last night and I apologize to Senator Ashford publicly for that, but the fact of the matter is the bill is before us. And I still don't know why...I guess I haven't heard the answer to the question as to why 371 is so pressing that it becomes a priority bill unless there are examples of misuse, fraud, some kinds of problems that have affected or impacted the industry in the last year that we need to address and that are this urgent. This is a bill that does a number of things that just are not, as I stated earlier, something that I guess have been brought to everyone's attention. Senator Ashford addressed the arbitration procedures. In 1987, we adopted the Uniform Arbitration Procedures here in the state for contract situations that LB 371 specifically deals with. I guess why did we adopt that in 1987 if we're coming back now and in the franchise act putting together specific arbitration procedures strictly and solely for beer wholesalers, and the procedures with regard to their contracts? It doesn't make any sense to have a set of rules that applies to everyone else except for the beer wholesalers. That's one of the amendments that I offer, to