

look at some of these sections, I invite you to look at this franchise act. It's vague, it's ambiguous. What we're doing by this in this bill is we are establishing criteria that are succinct, that are detailed, that are balanced, that are the result of work between the individuals who are engaged in this kind of business, reflecting the business that is being...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...undertaken. So again, the family member thing I think is very valid. It's an excellent provision. It should not be changed. There are reasons for it. I guess if we go with the amendments, apparently Senator Hall is very serious about this and I'll be happy to stand here all afternoon and talk about it. It's unfortunate we didn't have some idea before this as to what specific problems he has. It sounds as if some interest is very upset all of a sudden and I'd be interested to know who that is.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The member from Hastings, please, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as Chairman of the General Affairs Committee, I'm taken by surprise as Senator Ashford on the procedure that we're going through right now on the IPP motion and the...my understanding is that there are a number of other amendments to follow. And I just...some questions that raised in my mind as to the intent or the purpose of what we're going through, Senator Hall, and I don't expect you to answer. I'm just saying that some questions are being raised in my mind. You know, in looking at the bill, for instance, I can't find the concern that he has raised about becoming oral versus written. We haven't been able to locate that. I, for the edification of the members of the body, have had distributed a copy of the committee summary of what the bill contains because I think right now everyone who is sitting here is at a loss. This was a bill which we thought had been worked out in the committee. We had no objections to the bill especially from Senator Hall in the committee, and until noon today when we checked, there was nothing on the bill up at the desk, and so now this comes as a surprise plus the fact that we don't know what the amendments are or how they are going to impact on the bill. So I have a little concern here that we're turning this into another second hearing on the bill because I don't know what the intent or the purpose is and what these