

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. Section 19 of the green copy is the arbitration procedures that go for about four pages in the bill and these are the provisions that these contracts would be dealt with. In LB 71, as I stated earlier, Senator Landis worked long and hard to have the Uniform Arbitration Act put into place and what you're doing here by leaving Section 20, Section 19 in the green copy, in LB 371 is you're starting down the path of moving away from that. You're saying we'll allow for different rules to be set up for different groups of people when they deal with their contracts. I don't think that that is good public policy and I think if we pull it out of our own procedures when we deal with our state employees in LB 661 as we did a couple years ago, I think that it is not time at this point for us to allow basically seven or eight people, seven or eight wholesalers in the State of Nebraska, beer wholesalers, to have their own set of rules by which that they can determine what they feel is a way that they should negotiate. I think you will see other folks begin to...the laundry list will start, we will see more and more folks start down the path of separate rules that they play the game by and we will be no better off prior to the passage of LB 71 in 1985, '86, whatever it was, and I think that that is very bad public policy for us to adopt especially in this bill as it is laid before us in the franchise act. I think that that is a provision of the bill that very few people were aware of. I'm not so sure all that many are aware of it right now, but it is a provision that I think the bill that it tries...the things that Senator Ashford says the bill tries to provide for would still be provided for without Section 20. It is the...not necessary to ensure some of the things that he alluded to as the reasons for introduction of LB 371. We still have the Uniform Arbitration Act on the books, and if we begin down this road without allowing for it to be eroded away as you would in this bill, I think we would be much better off. The beer wholesalers would still be protected and everyone would play by the same rules. With that, Mr. President, I would urge for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Hall amendment to LB 371. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would like a record vote on this issue.