

Miller Brewing Company, Heilemans, cannot require through the passage of LB 371 a wholesaler to submit a profit and loss statement, a balance sheet or financial records as a condition of renewal or continuation of agreement. So in other words, we're saying, we're placing into statute the fact that they don't have to show their books to the other partner in that agreement, and I guess if they have an oral agreement, it doesn't matter, they probably don't care about books, they just do everything over the phone. I mean that's the extent that this bill goes to and you ought to look at those 19 different provisions in there that the supplier shall not allow for, and we addressed one of them in an earlier amendment and you failed to adopt that. What we're stating here, and what we're adopting into statute is that the Anheuser Buschs of the world can't say let us see how you're doing, let us see your records. We're not sure we want to renew your contract because we think on basis of your...of what you have ordered from us that your profits are not there, that you're doing a bad job, we want to look at your performance. When we pass 371 as it is written without this amendment, we place into statute the fact that they can't ask for that. They can't ask for any financial information with regard to renewal of a contract. Now is that what we're here to do? Is that would our public policy statement is going to be through the passage of LB 371? Are we going to protect those wholesalers to the point where we say you don't have to show your books? I mean that is what the bill is written to do. That's exactly to the extent that it takes it. It says not only are we going to protect you, we're going to protect you to the point that you don't have to open your books to the people that you're in a contract with. Now, ladies and gentlemen, that is ridiculous. You step over the bounds of reality, I think, when you put that kind of language, that's a fairly...I can't think of a civil word to use, so I won't use it, but a pretty blatant attempt on the part of the lobby to say we're going to handle this situation. We're going to handle it in the form of legislation that says we, as wholesalers, don't have to do anything and we're going to show you, supplier, we're going to put it into statute through the form of LB 371. We don't even have to show you our books. When it comes time to renew our contract, we'll pick up the phone and call each other back and forth, but we don't have to say whether we're losing money or making money and that in itself is a provision with regard to renewal of our contract. It doesn't apply and we'll show you in the statutes where we've got it passed in the State of Nebraska that it doesn't apply. I think that is terrible public policy.