

ladies and gentlemen, think about it. Ay-yi-yi, are we going to...I mean, I guess, you know, with the State of Nebraska when it goes into contract with some kind of entity to provide services in the area of, say, Department of Public Institutions or Department of Social Services, would they ever even consider entering into a contract without having the provisions to look at what kind of financial situation, what kind of financial makeup that provider has? I think...I know not. It is not even a question of thinking, I know not, and that they would not even consider that. They would first take a look at the financial stability of that operation as one of the criteria for determining whether or not to enter into that contract. What we're saying here is that we are outlawing that, is what we're doing. We're just basically outlawing that in the case of these agreements in these contracts between two entities, the supplier of beer and a wholesaler distributor of beer and that is not something I think we should put into statute. I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, followed by Senator Withem.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I have a question of Senator Ashford, if I could.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, would you respond.

SENATOR LYNCH: Senator Ashford, based on what Ay-yi-yi Hall just mentioned, regarding the page 8, Section 9, I was kind of curious how you interpret a couple of other sections based on what he just mentioned and as they relate to Section 9. Ten, for example, says that...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Which one is that?

SENATOR LYNCH: Page 9, Section 10, line 4, It says they cannot coerce, compel, or require a wholesaler to provide or divulge information regarding individual accounts. Section 11 says they can't use the threat of losing or withholding its credit. Apparently they give credit to the wholesalers as a means of compelling the wholesaler to standards of performance that relate to credit. You know, they can't withhold delivery, apparently, based on that credit. Section 13 requires a wholesaler by any means directly, they cannot require them to participate and contribute to any advertising, to any fund