

controlled that has to do with advertising. Fourteen has to do with willfully discriminate. What I'm concerned with, Senator Ashford, is I'm curious about, it almost appears that there is some real rascals involved in the business, that we'd have to put into the statutes paragraph after paragraph regarding what they cannot do. Coerce is used quite a bit even on the top of the page on page 8.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Is that a question?

SENATOR LYNCH: Senator Hall's amendment simply relates to paragraph 9, but in answering my question, if you can talk to 10, 11 and 12 and how they relate to Section 9 I'd appreciate that.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, first of all, Section 9, I think that we are protecting, clearly, we are protecting local businesses from possibly there are rascals in the brewery business, I don't know. But...and I don't know every fact situation that brought about these particular sections, but the...as far as Section 9 is concerned, for a small supplier or wholesaler, it is onerous to pay 20 or \$25,000 for an audited financial statement, and I think that that is the reason why we have audited in there. As far as the other sections, I think that, again, we are making a public policy decision on protecting local Nebraska businesses from these various problems, threats, coercions. To me, in reading them objectively and fairly, I think that they are reflective of concerns and I'm not trying to double-talk, I'm just...they are concerns here and discrimination and withholding of credit and there may be credit arrangements that are made. I don't see that as being...maybe you're not suggesting it is contrary to public policy. I don't see that as being contrary to public policy to try to protect our local businesses.

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, I still have...hopefully, I have just a second left, Mr. Chairman, on my time. Do you think then if we establish policy as it applies to a distributor, a wholesaler, I guess that same policy should apply between a wholesaler and a retailer? In other words, could we amend the bill to suggest the same kind of discrimination, coercion, fair play, mandating of advertising, all the rest should apply between the wholesaler and the retailer.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, that's another matter and I didn't...maybe that is the problem with...that's why we're