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LB 371

CLERK: 15 ayes, 15 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate does not cease. Senator Hall, would you care to discuss the amendment?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The issue here that Senator Chambers addresses clearly points out some of the problems with LB 371 and the ambiguity that it contains, I mean the issue that the intent for introduction of the bill was to correct that same type of ambiguity that is currently in the franchise act and I would say that had we adopted some of those amendments that were laid out there earlier, that we might have cleared some of that up. But what has happened is that today we have danced to the tune of the lobby and it has prevented us from penetrating LB 371 in any form or fashion. We have not been able to, even though clearly and I think concisely pointed out problems with the bill, been able to get an amendment adopted because the lobby would not like to see that happen. And I mean it is in many cases, and specifically this one, the bill contradicts itself. Senator Chambers' amendment would clarify that in a similar fashion that I tried to earlier. It's not the same amendment but it is a similar type of correction with regard to the issue of oral versus written contracts and I would urge the body to adopt the Chambers amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Ashford.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Brad Ashford a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Ashford, how long have you been a practicing attorney?

SENATOR ASHFORD: When I first...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If he doesn't understand that one, he is not going to understand the question, the main one, but I'll ask it again. How long have you been a member of the bar?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Oh, 15 or so years.