record where I stand and th. s about all that I need to distance myself from this bill and the way it is written.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: The language that Senator Chambers wants to...or add by adding oral is an inappropriate amendment. It should not be added to the bill because it would be totally inconsistent with what the bill is trying to accomplish. After a full afternoon of debate, they have raised an issue on the definition section which is now, finally, after nine amendments which to me make some sense and should be looked at. I've read the bill totally before this time. I've had experience in franchise law, that's why I took the case. If there are lobbyists and if this bill is greased, then it's greased, I don't know. It doesn't...I haven't...I don't have any comment on that or I don't particularly care. I read the bill, I understood it. I believe it's proper and appropriate to handle franchise law in statute rather than case law. I said that at the beginning of this presentation. But after nine amendments or ten amendments now, Senator Chambers has brought up a point which is totally different from the point that Senator Hall brought up in his initial amendment and it may be that we need to add a phrase to the definition section. But I'll tell you what, if, after ten amendments in five hours of debate, we're down to one phrase added to one section, I don't think that the bill is badly drafted. This bill is identical or very close to a Minnesota law which has withstood a court test in the district court, Federal District Court of Minnesota in the Eighth Circuit. It's an area of law that I am familiar with, maybe I shouldn't continue to say that because maybe I have proven to you that I'm not, but I do understand it and I believe that it's appropriate to handle relations between, in this area through statute, not with inconsistent case law. Again, many of us have bills that lobbyists are on both sides of on, or one side or not involved in at all. I wished I'd had some lobbyists helping me on the semiautomatic rifle bill yesterday, I guess. But I really believe in what I'm doing or it wouldn't be before the body. Senator Chambers is an excellent senator. He knows about the process and he knows about statutory language and it's helpful that we finally have gotten something that maybe needs to be added to the bill but it was done, I believe, in a constructive way and I'm taking it in a constructive way and I will be happy to deal with it between now and Select File, and had it been brought to me before this time, I would have dealt