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contractor all of these years, if they don't fill out this form and mail it in that they become retailers automatically? And that's the way I read the bill is if they don't fill it out, they don't take the election, that they will be treated automatically as a retailer. Is there a particular reason that you're aware of why we went that option instead of leaving them as a...

SENATOR LAMB: No.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...contractor unless they take the option to change?

SENATOR LAMB: No, it was...it was the purpose, it was my intent and the other people on the bill, I'm sure, to allow them to continue the way they were. If there is a problem there and I...

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR LAMB:I'm not sure that there is, but that... may have been drafted incorrectly if that is the way you think it reads at this point.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay. That's the way I think it reads and, again, I'm delighted the bill is here. I think it's an excellent piece of legislation. Maybe you and I need to talk. I didn't even think of this problem until a little earlier today when I was looking at the bill and didn't get a chance to talk with you about it. Let's talk about it. Let's put it on...not...definitely don't hold up the bill at this point. Let's talk about that particular concern. Otherwise, I do think it's a good piece of legislation...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ... and commend Senator Lamb. I know it's a big problem with a lot of people in the industry.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, may I have a question of Senator Withem, please?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.