

more importantly, there is no measurement for what would have happened in the absence of LB 775. And, as a matter of fact, I think there are many of us in here on the floor when we actually passed LB 775 that voted for it because we were concerned of what would have happened if we didn't pass it. We were calling it a blackmail bill in some cases, ConAgra's blackmail bill, Mike Harper's, and such. And, honestly, I think some people voted for the bill because they were concerned about what would happen if we didn't have it. There is no amount of information that Senator Wesely's amendment could muster that will tell us that. And, as I said, there is no amount of information that Senator Wesely's amendment will give us that will tell us what is happening with those companies that have applied, whether they applied strictly because of 775, whether they would have done the investment, done the job addition, made their changes with or without it. It's going to call for subjective conclusions. This bill will not accomplish what he hopes to and I don't blame him for trying because I think it's a good goal. I am not afraid to look at that. I wish we could have that information. This won't do it. What will it do? It will cause a redundancy between the Revenue Department and legislative fiscal office to create both of those areas to do the same thing that they're doing now. The Revenue Department is putting out their analysis and actually asking for some more information than what they are required to by law.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Legislative fiscal office is putting out their analysis, independent study such as Senator Korshoj and Senator Wesely have been putting out their analysis, so we're having that kind of thing. And this amendment will not do anything more than that. It also creates, in some people's minds, and I am not a lawyer so I don't know, a possible constitutional problem by having a member of government work for the Legislature and for the administration, a part-time revenue employee and part-time legislative fiscal office employee. I think I can see some arguments why that might not be constitutional. I'm not going to make that argument because I don't know. My most important concern is the bill does not do what he hopes it will do and I will not support the suspension and I hope you will not either.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Rogers.