

corporation that is providing gas, natural gas on an exclusive basis to the City of Lincoln, for instance as Minnegaso is, using some of those resources to support, to establish a service business and that service business then competes with small businessmen attempting to make a living. I'd like to clarify that...it's true, I work for a group of people that are in the contracting business, I want to make that very clear. I don't think any of the contractors for whom I work are in this particular line of business, so I don't think...I'm not talking from conflict of interest here, I'm talking from kind of a knowledge viewpoint that this is a very real issue. And if it were simply treating service contractors, treating gas companies, utility companies the same as the service contractors, that would be one thing but what this is doing is giving a further competitive advantage to those gas companies, the utility corporations that the small businessman doesn't have. So for that reason I think I question the amendment and it's not the same. Section 5 does not exempt a person that is in service only business. Section 5 only exempts a company that sells a product and it's part of that sale contract they are issuing a service contract on that specific product. If I choose go out and knock on Senator Abboud's door to try to get a service contract with him to service a preexisting water heater, a preexisting furnace, a preexisting gas dryer and Peoples Natural Gas does the same thing, I would be regulated and they wouldn't be and that's a concern that I have. Senator Hall, I'm sorry, if you have anything additional to say with your time I would...

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and Senator Withem, I appreciate the discussion. I will support the motion to suspend the rules. I'll make that clear, but I will, I think, ask for a division of the question when the rules have been suspended and the amendment is before us because I'm not...I clearly understand the purpose of the portion of the amendment that Senator Wesely and Landis explained, but I'd like a little better clarification on the intent of the amendment that I think is the portion that Senator Farnett offered as a bill to the body. So with that, I do intend to support the rule suspension motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President and colleagues, I have a question for Senator Landis and then Senator Wesely.