

ability. I say we should ask for no less later on if someone else should come in and become the new owner of the facility by buying up the company. The 50 percent provision that we now have in law is simply foolish. Like I said, 25 percent, we made that law here in this...this year for a small, privately owned beer distributorship. Now, if 25 percent is good for a company that maybe has three owners, I think 10 percent is probably a good figure for a company that has thousands and thousands of owners across the country. Again, a very reasonable amendment, huh? I think it is. I thought the last one was. I would really ask you to think about this now, and I'd just get tired of this whole proceeding and vote against it, because you're tired. I really would like you to think about it and support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members,...

PRESIDENT: No, Senator Owen Elmer, first, Senator Schmit. Oh, excuse me. Now, Senator Schmit. Senator Loran Schmit, you may speak now.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I do agree with Senator Morrissey on one point, you shouldn't vote for or against an amendment just because you're getting tired. I think it's important that you...most important that you don't vote for an amendment. I think someone said, shall we bracket the bill? As I said before, the bill was introduced to assist the local communities to try to provide them with some additional funding, some additional assistance, and some additional protection. I apologize to the membership for the long time we're taking, and I tried to take...hear this in the committee, and all of these issues were discussed in the committee. I guess I'm going to say it, I don't like to say it, but I just have to point out on this floor that in 21 years the only time that I ever heard one of my colleagues come before the committee and say that a bill wouldn't receive a fair hearing was when Senator Morrissey introduced his bill. And I guess I felt kind of bad about that, Senator Morrissey, because there have been many, many people who have testified and brought bills before the committee of which I've been a member and which I've chaired. I don't think anyone ever said they didn't receive a fair hearing. I do really regret that. I just want to point