

have a valid point. They're trying to protect some interests that are valid ones to protect but we're talking about interjecting with the Bernard-Stevens amendment two separate standards and it isn't going to work very well. In fact, I think what it does is basically...it's sort of a preemptive strike. Senator Bernard-Stevens is wise enough to get his amendment into Senator Wehrbein's amendment and kind of preempt out Senator Wehrbein's preemption amendment. At this point, I don't think that's appropriate. I think Senator Bernard-Stevens misses the point when he says it's more cumbersome. This amendment will make it a more cumbersome process and although well-intentioned I don't think at this time would be one that the body should adopt. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chizek, followed by Senator Abboud.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, I rise to support his amendment. I'm not sure who, when Senator Kristensen refers to both sides, who he is talking about, because I think this has been an interesting debate all along since this bill has had the amendment put on. But if you're going to be covered by...I think it's interesting that we have an amendment the second time around and I'm not so sure I agree with Senator Kristensen yet, of course, he has the benefit of law school and I don't, but then that may be a blessing with some people. But the federal law allows a different standard than we do in the state. I think it's interesting that we want to give...we want to pick and choose what we want to give them. We want to pick and choose what we're going to allow them to do, whether it's the railroad, the power company, the trucking industry. We want to pick and choose. We talk about size, not what's good for the people that we represent in this state. We're talking about what's good for those people who operate in 14 or 20 other states. Frankly, I don't care about those 14 or 20 other states. I care about this state and that's who we all ought to care about. I think it's interesting that they can deal with tax problems that are varied and different in other states, but all of a sudden now we can't deal with this little problem here and we deal with them whether it's income tax or whether it's sales tax in other states, colleagues. But we're going to pick and choose what we want to do. We're talking about powerful people but we ought to be concerned about what's good for those people that we represent, not just those powerful people, colleagues. I support the amendment.