

striking the word "the" and inserting the word "its". This is an important technical change. It has to do with preventing communities from shopping for other communities' businesses, if you will, and it has to do with your maintaining your average employment in a community. The bill, as it was drafted, indicated that the business would have to maintain average employment in the community as a whole, and it is clear that the intent is to restrict the business to maintaining the average employment for the business itself, not the entire community. And I hope you can all see the logic in that. The business, as an entirety, may not have had employment that was equal to anywhere near the average for the entire community. So it is restricting the averaging...the average employment test to the business itself, not to the community, and with that I would urge adoption, move adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Is there anyone who wishes to debate this amendment? Seeing none, we will vote on the Wickersham amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, we will proceed with debate on the committee amendments. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members, just a question, of Senator Hartnett, if I may, so I understand how this works. With regard to the Section 9 changes to the committee amendments, Senator, when you have...let's say you have one business in a particular community, and that business is making a decision to build new facilities and to put their current staff and employees into a new facility, and that is, basically, all they are doing except they are going to make the decision, and they only have business in the one community, and they are making the decision whether to stay in that community or to pick up their business and go to the community next door, is there anything, is there anything that prevents them from doing that?