

basically no competition whatsoever. That's the problem with the amendment. These happen to be also some individuals who have basically opposed bills that I have brought in that deal with video lottery because they make their money printing. They are printers and they want to continue to be able to have a lock on that business. What this amendment does is continue to give them a lock and it locks out for all practical purposes anybody who would bid on a contract because not only do they have to take into consideration the cost and any margin of profit and their overhead that they would have in place, but they're going to have to establish an office in Nebraska. So you don't put them on the same grounds. You say that, in effect, you want to bid in Nebraska, you got to become a Nebraska company, which is fine, well and good but nobody is going to do that who already isn't here in Nebraska. The contract is not going to be that lucrative that you're going to get them to put money into bricks and mortar whether it be buildings or bricks and mortar to the extent of renting or leasing space and then buying equipment and placing it in Nebraska. It just won't happen. I had an amendment up on a bill previously that said that we were going to tax individuals who printed, if you remember right, on Senator Smith's pickle card bill and it said we're going to tax those people that their license was going to go from 1,000 to \$10,000 because in effect what we have given them is a blank check to operate here in Nebraska. There are only a few that do that currently and they have the lion's share of the business. They make money hand over fist in that operation, which is fine, we need somebody to provide those pickle cards, I understand that and I'm not trying to impede the free market process, but in this case with this amendment you not only do away with competition at all, you basically shove all the business to one or two individuals. I think that is a mistake because what you're doing is preempting any kind of competitive bid for all practical purposes that will ever come across the table. It makes sense to try and give an advantage to Nebraska companies. I don't oppose that.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: I oppose an amendment to the effect that says you're not going to have any competition and that's what this would do and those are the only reasons, as I said, I rise reluctantly because I know Senator Lynch represents at least one of these individuals and I'd be doing the same thing if they were in my district I guarantee you, and I believe that he does