

bidding on these kinds of contracts. A great example is that there is two people who primarily do this. One happens to be in Omaha and one happens to be in Council Bluffs. You're going to lock that individual who is in Council Bluffs out of the bid process unless they choose to move their operation across the river, establish a permanent office.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: All this amendment says is that hey, we want to give priority to those people who are in Nebraska. We want to give the preference if they are at or superior to. By not voting for this portion of the amendment, you keep that intact. All we don't do is basically foreclose anybody who isn't currently a Nebraska contractor from bidding on a project because that's what we will do if this portion of the amendment stays. I endorse the other portion of the amendment wholeheartedly. I think it's a good amendment. It is this half of it that I think basically reverses the intent of the first portion of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Lynch, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President, members, I would respectfully disagree for a number of reasons, and I won't repeat the fact that it was Tim's idea in the first place on 805 that we do this, but I did, so that's okay. We...and also for the record so you understand, I never talked to the person in my district at all who happens to be in this business about this amendment, so it did not come from him. It emanated probably out of my own imagination for a lot of reasons. See it was my idea that we create in Nebraska some opportunities for business, not just be stuck with or left with those who already have the inside track. And, in fact, probably are not domiciled in Nebraska. Are we doing anything different by doing this? Certainly not. Think of all these people. For example, Jackie Smith, I told her I wouldn't mention her name, but her husband can't practice his plumbing business in Hastings unless he has an office in Hastings and his license. Isn't that interesting? Can't come to Omaha unless he hires somebody that has a license in Omaha to do it. The same with electrical contractors, but that's not the only case. For example, if you want to practice medicine, you've got to be certified if you're going to do business in Nebraska that you are qualified to do it. If you want to be a