

five years, or let's pick ten years. In essence, that certainly would hurt the bill tremendously. It would hurt the industry if the good proprietors are not willing to abide by the rules, someone else will find something to slip through. The nonprofit part, I have great reservations, and I can speak to that later, in taking them out. In my area, that is not a concern, but if it is a concern, a couple of other people are on the bill with me, I will be glad to address that if they are getting direct competition, which I think maybe they are in some cases. Again, it is not all that much to ask them to register along with everyone else but I can address that, and I will confer with Senator Pirsch on that. So at this time I ask you to reject the Ashford amendment. Things are being, you know, proposed, regulate everyone else but don't regulate me, and I want to commend Senator Ashford for bringing up these points, but each and every one of them I think we have addressed, and it is special legislation for one company. And, folks, we don't want that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Before I go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Hillman. Carol Foster and Jim McDermott from Scottsbluff are under the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Ashford, would you yield to a couple of questions, please?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Ashford, would you respond, please?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, thank you.

SENATOR HABERMAN: In reading your amendment, I believe it says that if you have been in business seven years or longer, you are exempted from this bill, is that correct?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Right.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Can you name me some firms that have been in business seven years or more?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I'm really not sure. I will tell you, for the record, that the two companies that I have talked to that I am