

can be for, and many times what will happen is that the purveyor of those services will say if you buy a two-year contract or a three-year contract, the monthly fee that you pay us for these services are going to be less, and that is the selling point. The selling point is that the purveyor of the service knows that they have a client. The recipient of the service gets the benefit of the lower fee, and that is contracting. That is what two people do when they want service...when one party is providing the service and another party is buying the service, and it is no different in this industry. It is no different in this industry. We do not, as a body, want to get involved in saying to two parties that they must limit the length of their contract when, at the same time, we are providing a laundry list of ways that one of the parties, in this case the consumer, can get out of the contract. What you are going to do you are going to make it very, very difficult for the purveyor of the service, in this case the health club, to offer the kind of deals to the consumer that the consumer can afford. It makes...at this point, I have gone beyond representing one side or the other in this thing. This just doesn't make any sense, and we don't want to get into that process of interfering with that contractual arrangement. And I have heard no...I understand Senator Wehrbein's questions and they are good ones except the consumers' rights are not restricted if we take out Section 17 because they are enlarged drastically in other parts of the bill. And I appreciate Senator Beutler's comments, he is right. We ought to strike Section 17, work with the escrow part of this bill, and then, you know, advance the bill on, fine, but don't do something here that we don't do for any other industry that I know of and without any showing of any...any showing that it is necessary to do it. So, with that, I would move my amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Before we proceed to vote on this amendment, I would...Senator Rogers, the Chair of the Ag Committee, would like to announce that they are meeting in Room 2022; Agriculture will meet in Room 2022 right now. We will now vote on the amendment offered by Senator Ashford. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the amendment by Senator Ashford. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is not adopted. Anything further on the bill?