

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: And this is an amendment to the E & R amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. Just so that we know, we don't have to go leafing through the book, we can look at E & R amendments and the amendment that you're offering now and working from those two we'll understand what we are dealing with.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: We'll have a better chance.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, right. Now, with your amendment, you still allow loans to businesses employing more than 100 people.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if I am in opposition to that proposal and I was to try to amend the amendment that you're offering us today, I would tell you to look in page...look at page 1 of your amendment...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Uh-huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in line 5, and after "any" I would support, I meant, I would insert "loan or", then it would say "a qualified business which employs more than 100 employees shall not be eligible for any loan or grant". But the problem with doing it that way is that it somehow makes this size employer not eligible for the grant or loan after referring to it as a qualified business. Under the bill, a qualified business would be one which is eligible to seek a loan or a grant. Is that correct?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I think a qualified business is...relates to the type of business, not to the size of the business.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so then I don't have to worry about this size. I could, if successful, offer an amendment which would say that a business employing more than 100 employees could not qualify for a loan or a grant and the adoption of that amendment would not have any bearing on remaining qualified businesses.