

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wickersham, if that language were left in the bill, the language you are now trying to remove from the bill, wouldn't it be necessary for this group, which is putting together factors to be considered, wouldn't they have to consider these words, "and to remain competitive with those of other states and localities"? Wouldn't they have to take into consideration that this is one of those situations where the loan is necessary to keep Nebraska competitive? Wouldn't that have to be taken into consideration if this language stayed there?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, Senator, and I think if you would read further in what now has become subsection (h), I hate to refer you to the improper page number, but there would still be a requirement that they have as a part of their policies, a policy requiring a finding with respect to each loan and grant that competition from another state is a factor in the qualified business's decision to establish a qualified business or expand a qualified business. So competition remains over there as they factor in the policies and procedures that are going to be adopted.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wickersham, I don't...I am not able to locate that. Is it in the Journal as part of the...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator, if you...I think you have a large copy of the amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: It would be on page 3, it would be on lines 12, and 13, 14 and 15, at the top of the page. I don't know what page that is in the E & R amendments. I think it is page 5. It should be in the E & R amendments. If you looked in the Journal, it should be page 5, lines 12 through 15.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So this is the language that we would have. A policy, any other...oh, wait a minute. A policy requiring the commission to find with respect to each loan and grant that competition from another state is a factor in the qualified business's decision to establish a qualified business or expand a qualified business.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That is correct.