

you've added language dealing with subscriber contracts, saying that subscriber contracts arising out of subsection (1) or Section 4 shall not be prohibited, but shall be terminated January 31, '98. We don't have a definition of a subscriber contract in the amendment or in the bill, and I wondered if we could just have a very brief discussion so you could tell us what your intent is by subscriber contract.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Thank you. I hope I can make myself plain on this. A subscriber contract are there are individuals that are subscribing to the service. They aren't necessarily, as it says up here, an entity, or a state agency, a nonstate agency, and so forth. These are just private individuals, private contracts that they have with the provider, a contract to say that they can get the service, and it is just meant to say that those contracts won't be terminated until the date that any other contract to...we just wanted to be sure that we included all contracts with the language of the single subscriber contract.

SENATOR BROMM: For example, that would be a contract, if I in my home were a subscriber to Nebraska(at, Online, for example, and I had an agreement with them to pay so much a month and receive the service, that's the subscriber contract you are referring to.

SENATOR HILLMAN: That's right. We wanted to make sure that their contract was not canceled either.

SENATOR BROMM: Right, and this does not have anything to do with contracts between agencies or Library Commission and a private company. This is the end contract that goes to the consumer.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Right.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Thank you very much. I wanted to make a short comment, it has been said several times that the people who are subscribing to this service are happy with the fees. I...I guess I want to point out a couple of things. At least in the case of public libraries, a couple of which I have had contact with, that is not the case. They...they do not feel that it is appropriate for them to be charged the higher fees that are resulting from this. Secondly, in many cases, in many cases, the people who are subscribing to Online, be it a bank,