

greater access to the market and potentially clouds the commercial conditions for him. The bill does not do anything to any other level of licenseholder. It is a grant of several authorities for brewpubs. It says that a brewpub need not be a restaurant, that in fact this will be a craft brewer, that is either a microbrewer or a craft brewer in a brewpub situation, that the limitation that they can only sell 50 percent of their manufacturer off premises or for...in some other context besides their production on the premises. It raises from 5,000 to 10,000 the number of barrels that they can produce, and it establishes a joint definition, called a craft brewery license, for what heretofore have been microbreweries and brewpubs. Now, what I'm asking is for one bill to be placed into another bill. Is that unique? No, it's been done 57 times, so far this year. The Clerk keeps a record of it. Senator Wickersham is the all-time champion, he's done it six times, Senator Scheelleper has done it four, Senator Maurstad has done it three or four times, these are quite normal practices. I've done it several times already this year. Senator Lindsay has done it already this year on LB 960, which he put into 1055; Senator Wesely has done it, Senator Bohlke, Senator Beutler, Senator Will, Senator Hillman, Senator Fisher, not uncommon, not uncommon. What is uncommon is to extinguish the underlying bill, LB 750. What I've asked is for one priority bill to replace another on the schedule, to take off the calendar what is a controversial bill, for which I don't have 25 votes, and to put on in its place a bill that I do have 25 votes, that is to say at the last vote count. The question is whether or not this offends the sensibilities of the body so far. I would say this, I certainly am asking for what is a procedural favor. However, I have acted diiligently to make sure that the bills that I've had this year have been worked out and have not demanded a great deal of time on the floor. I'm asking for a turn at bat, and I'm asking, frankly, for a little largess, a little kindness on that score. But I hope you recognize that I've worked diligently to save the time on the floor over and over and over again on lots of issues that have come to the committee and that I've worked out, or even my own issues, or worked on other issues as well. I haven't demanded the floor's time for a lot, I'm hoping that you will allow me to substitute the brewpub bill, which does good things for brewpubs around the state, takes away no one's rights but grants some rights to brewpubs they do not now have, and in so doing recognize a growing small business, a small business that now employs about 600 people around the state, a business