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taking something out of the bill which is essential. Were I drafting this bill, I never would have put this word where it's located. But on page 12, in line 20, I would strike the word "franchisee." I'm going to read the existing language. This that I'm talking about is what a manufacturer may not do...shall not do directly or indirectly. One of those things a manufacturer "shall not directly or indirectly: Own an interest in a franchise, franchisee, or consumer care or service facility." In the existing law, at page 7 of the green copy, in line 4, "franchisee" is defined in the following way: "Franchisee means a new motor vehicle dealer who receives motor vehicles from the franchisor under a franchise and who offers and sells such motor vehicles to the general public". Following that is the definition of "franchisor." "Franchisor means a person who manufactures or distributes motor vehicles and who may enter into a franchise". And a "franchise" is defined as the contract between the franchisee and the franchisor. Since the language that I'm dealing with, on line 20, page 12, says that a manufacturer shall not own an interest in a franchise, that means a contract. Franchisee is the other person, and I don't think there is any way that a manufacturer would own an interest in a franchisee. So I want to strike the word "franchisee" because a franchisee is a person. And, if you look at the top of page 13, which obviously follows page 12, this is the language in lines 1 and 2, "The person from whom the manufacturer or distributor acquired the franchise was a franchisee". So it's clear that a franchisee is a person. We've got language that talks...that lets you know about a dealership, a distributorship and those types of things. So I don't see the need to prohibit the manufacturer from owning an interest in a franchisee. That couldn't happen under the law anyway. But on the chance that I'm misunderstanding, on the chance that this, the use of this word "franchisee" at this spot in the bill is a term of art, that means something different from what "franchisee" means in the rest of the law, I'm willing to listen and have it explained to me and shown to me why "franchisee" at this spot is different in meaning from "franchisee" throughout the rest of the law. Maybe I've missed something, but that's what my amendment would do. On page 12, line 20, it would strike the word "franchisee."

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitor