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white copy that we have, so we can see exactly what remains before us. I'm opposed to what this bill is trying to do. But it's not one of those that I'm going to do everything I can to kill it. So this amendment that I will offer will not be for the purpose of killing the bill, but trying to mitigate some of the unfairness that I see in it. So if you had a chance to look at it, I'd like to ask you a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Bromm?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, did you have a chance to locate the words that I was mentioning?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, yes, I did, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There is no definition of reasonable in this bill, but somebody is going to make an arbitrary determination, and the goal of the bill is to prevent manufacturers or distributors from having an interest in a franchise, a franchisee. So why should we put this additional advantage at their disposal?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I haven't crafted the amendment yet, but I want you to, if you can, tell me the rationale behind this.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Chambers, first of all, on page 12, that's setting up the conditions under which a manufacturer may control a franchise. And the backdrop of that is probably where someone has maybe gone under or financially had trouble and the manufacturer took over the business to avoid a financial disaster or...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR BROMM: ...for customers and that sort of thing. So in the short run, this is intending to say they can do that, as long as they are doing it with the intent of reselling it. And if they would put such an outlandish price on it that nobody