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amend with AM0136. (Legislative Journal page 377.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on AM0136 to LB 118.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, because it may not be on your gadget yet, I'll tell you, for the record, what it says. You don't tug on Superman's cape, you don't spit into the wind, you don't pull the mask on the ol' Lone Ranger, and you don't mess around with Jim. Well, now that I have your attention, that is not really what the amendment says. But I want to clarify what my intent was the last time I spoke. In my analogy, the supplier is the one that I did mean was playing the role of Superman. The person with the...I meant the manufacturer was. And the franchisee was Pee-wee Herman. And I said, I see the disparity, and I want to help that person at the local level. I have no problem with that philosophy. But I don't want us to apply it only when we're dealing in a business context, where a business operation is going to be benefited. I want that philosophy to follow through when we have a mere individual, or a discriminated-against group, relatively small in number, lacking in political power or clout or those things needed to have a meaningful voice in the formulation of policy. I want the philosophy we're embracing here today to help a business operation to be embraced when we have individuals who are having to confront a stronger employer who is being unfair. I can appreciate a philosophy which is applied across the board in that manner. So to finish my analogy...then I'll touch on what the amendment does, because you have ten minutes to open when you're offering the amendment. When we have the dealer being protected from injustice at the hands of the supplier, I do not want to let the dealer turn around and deal oppressively with an employee, in the way that the dealer did not want to be dealt with oppressively by the supplier or the manufacturer. If the purpose of the Legislature, as it always has been, is to spring to the defense of a business or money-making operation and protect them, but when we get down to the level of the individual they develop a blind spot, moral amnesia, and will say, you cannot interfere and make businesses do what they don't want to do, I say that is a flawed application of a worthwhile