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SENATOR BURLING: If I need more than \$25 an hour to stay in business, I would accept their \$35.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And they offer \$35; you would accept it.

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now the state would be paying you more than what somebody out in the world would pay you. Agreed?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now let's bring it back to my amendment. If you're dealing with a manufacturer or an industry which is going to sell you...sell the state some large-scale equipment, machinery, or whatever it is that is produced by this particular industry or manufacturer, and the state, in negotiating with this industry or manufacturer, winds up with a cost 10 percent above what the people out in the open market would pay, has that manufacturer obtained more from the state than would be obtained by that manufacturer from somebody out in the world? Gets 10 percent more, right?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that person who got 10 percent more from the state than would be the case with somebody else, but the person has not violated the law, should that person be prevented from being considered for appointment to this board that you're creating?

SENATOR BURLING: No, not in that case.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you're still against my amendment, I presume.

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Burling.