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refinements that was necessary in this particular bill, and I'm sure that Senator Schmit would be probably in a better position to answer that for you than I.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Schmit, would you yield? As I read what we're striking here, it says that the penal institutions with their print shop, which is considerable, before it says they shall not use that product in competitive industry against the private sector. It looks to me like we strike that now. It appears that then like other products they produce out there that they could sell to the private sector, like furniture and things like that.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We are allowing under the provisions of this bill for the prison print shops to do business with other state agencies. You are correct.

SENATOR KOCH: They can do business with other state agencies?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right.

SENATOR KOCH: But that doesn't include cities, counties, or just the state itself?

SENATOR SCHMIT: It's my intention that they could use them with any public subdivision.

SENATOR KOCH: Any public subdivision.

SENATOR SCHMIT: It's a Committee amendment and I have not read it...

SENATOR KOCH: Is the private sector of the printing industry aware of this proposal?

SENATOR SCHMIT: If you are asking if I communicated to them, I did not.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, I don't like to embarrass anyone but I really believe that what we're doing here is we're putting the public sector at a wage factor which is considerably less than the private sector, allowing them to compete against the private sector, which in the State of Nebraska is rather considerable when you get into private printing industry. I know I have some in my district. They're not going to be very happy with this proposal, and I don't know how I'm going to defend this when I go home