

argument that our present statutes might be a restraint of trade and that is why it became necessary. We suggest in the change here that discussing or soliciting, both words, and I think that was your question, with another person who has his property exclusively listed with another broker is not to be done unless, unless the owner initiates that discussion. At the present time, we can't do that and the FTC feels that this is just a bit too stringent and we should open it up and I agree. And for that reason, it is a consumer bill in that section. With reference to the word "discussing", it does not bother me as much as it perhaps does you. It seems if we are going to solicit a discussion, we are going to have to discuss as well. We are going to have to open a discussion to solicit conversation about a future listing.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Senator Barrett. The key phrase in that section as I understand it then is the language "unless the owner initiates the discussion" which gives the owners of property much more broad discretion than they have got right now if I understand what you are saying, is that correct?

SENATOR BARRETT: Absolutely, the key words in that change are "unless the owner initiates the discussion."

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Senator Barrett. With that I would urge the adoption of LB 109.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hannibal. I have these other speakers lined up, too, Senators DeCamp and Barrett. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, colleagues, Senator Barrett has been kind enough to explain I think to all who have had an interest now. I kind of wish that he would not call it a consumer bill. It is an easing of things. It is actually going to help the Real Estate Commission handle their business as opposed to restrict them more, and on first glance, that paragraph looks like it will be restricting something when, in fact, it is doing just the opposite. It is allowing half of a former or a possible restriction to be allowed now. But my particular interest in the bill deals with the area of management, property management or managing, and I have had a chance to discuss this with Senator Barrett. I think it is important that