

to close on your amendment, please?

SENATOR PETERSON: What.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you like to close, please.

SENATOR PETERSON: Yes, Mr. President, members, Senator Vard Johnson, I would like to ask you a question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you respond, Senator Vard?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR PETERSON: On page 44, line 22, will you explain what gas means.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Page 44, line 22...

SENATOR PETERSON: Yes, "Sales and purchases of electricity, coal, gas,..."

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I always thought gas was gas. Now, there may be different kinds of gas...

SENATOR PETERSON: What is argon, then?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Argon, as far as I know it is a gas.

SENATOR PETERSON: Okay, then if it is a gas, then it shouldn't be exempt?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, there is an exemption for sales and purchases of electricity, coal, gas, fuel oil, diesel fuel, tractor fuel, propane, gasoline, coke, nuclear fuel, and butane when more than fifty percent of the amount purchased is for use directly in processing, manufacturing, or refining..., that is the current exemption that exists.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Right.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: All right, now obviously this is a case that is being litigated. It is a case that is in litigation.

SENATOR PETERSON: It is before a hearing officer, right.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Before a hearing officer, and it is my