

for serving these electricians and the people that they serve and yet they have no authority, repeat this, no authority to follow up with any kind of an inspection for any work of its licensee and that's all this bill does. Now you can make anything you want out of it but that's all it does is allow for this person that's in charge of the electrical office to go out and inspect the work of the people that he gives the license to to do work in the State of Nebraska and it doesn't do anything other than that.

SPEAKER: Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I rise in support of this bill. It was heard before the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. There was not any opposition to it if I remember correctly at that time and I think it is well to have a double check on some of these installations and farmsteads have been excluded which might be a questionable merit since in many farm areas the REA's wire the house and then inspect it which, you run into the problem that Senator Lewis has pointed out, that you have the person making the installation also being the judge of that installation which we all know is difficult to judge our own work; so I would hope that we go ahead and pass this bill.

SPEAKER: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I rise also in support of this bill. I think that one of the key considerations here is that because of the way that the title was originally read and as it appeared in our bill books and as it appeared in the newspapers, it talked about inspection in rural areas. I think this gave rise to some legitimate concerns and really caused a lot of misunderstanding, but I think all of you realize now that this particular fear, especially as it relates to the farmstead where there is a dynamic, ever changing situation where farmers do much of their own wiring, the farmsteads have been exempted out of the bill, they are no longer affected by the bill and so we're down to the situation where we have licensed installers putting in an installation and not always being sure that their work is going to be inspected. I think this is a rather ridiculous situation; I think that this bill would correct it. I think it is a good bill and should be supported.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Senator Lewis, will you yield to a question? Senator Frank? I saw the stage of, I, I didn't count them but there was a lot of places that was built without inspection, right?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: How many of those burned down from poor wiring?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, you know I guess that analogy can be used on anything for safety. In our community not very many houses burn down a year but we still have a safety code for that purpose. Not very many people die every year because of some poor sewage things but I suppose minimum qualifications have a purpose. Senator Richendifer would like to add additional information to this so I yield to Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Senator Rasmussen, have you ever read the Smoke Eater? Do you know what the word undermine mean, means?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: No.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Electrical.

SPEAKER: Senator Marsh. Chair recognizes Senator Nore.