

buildings also have a direct relationship with what we pay in insurance rates. For those reasons, I will be supporting 264.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Marsh. Senator Lynch, would you like to close on the advancement of your bill.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. Thanks for the support on the floor. In closing I would like to say that, first of all in response to Senator Miller, that insurance will not prevent the accidents. You should not support or oppose something because you can buy insurance to prevent the cost. The cost is tremendous. Liability costs are one of the reasons for this legislation. There are those people in the business who support it because of the increasing liability costs as it affects their industry. It does not affect commercial...the commercial operations, in particular, are affected by it. I might add that, for example, in a commercial installation 180 degrees is what is required by the Department of Health to wash dishes. In a split second you can have third degree burns under this kind of a circumstance. It is a serious, serious problem. The slip/fall scenario is important. I would like to add that those people who testified in favor of it were people who represented the PTA and day care operations, children, people that represented the elderly and the concerns, including nursing homes and advocates of nursing homes, and also the handicapped. Jim Anderson came in and pointed out the serious problem they have. These folks can't move out of the way when something like this happens. I think it is worthy legislation. I would close by saying that if we had a statewide plumbing code we could simply do this by ordinance, but we can't. I think something like this is important to suffice until, whenever it happens, we have a statewide plumbing code. I would appreciate your support on this.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Lynch. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: LB 264 advances. I would like to introduce some guests in our north balcony. We have guests of Senator Warner. There are 11 students from the Prairie Hill Learning Center. They are accompanied by their teacher. Would folks please