

and then we are on LB 193 which had been bracketed until today. So we're on LB 193.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Legislature did bracket the bill until today. At that time, there was pending an amendment from Senator Beutler. Senator, this is the amendment you gave me yesterday. I assume that's to be withdrawn.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's terribly presumptuous of you, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Yes, sir, it is and I take it back.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But you're right. Please withdraw it.

CLERK: It is withdrawn. Senator Beutler would move to amend, Mr. President, AM1441.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the amendment being discussed is being passed out to you right now. Had a, I think, a profitable meeting with Senator Cudaback and with the Electrical Board and the people involved, and what we have done is to reach a compromise amendment on the original amendment that I had yesterday which was the one that was really of interest to me. That amendment, you may recall, restored current law, restored language to the bill that allowed for the small business, that's what I'm calling it for lack of...that's a bit of an oversimplification, but the small business exemption to the licensing requirement so that certain kinds of small businesses and certain kinds of operations would not be required to be licensed. So they...the amendment that I have before you today preserves that exemption in large part and you can see that what is being exempted from licensing are commercial and industrial companies working within the scope of their business. So I am satisfied with this version of the exemption. I think Senator Cudaback is satisfied with this version of the exemption and I would simply keep this very short and ask for the adoption of the amendment. Now the only thing that I think the main area that is...for which the exemption is wiped out would be those areas that are in the public sector that might be doing some of this kind of work. So licensing would be required for public sector employers and employees under the old exemption language.