

contractors. It provides for the 25 dollar fee except for the person who is self-employed and spends less than 1,000 bucks hiring other people. It has to be annually renewed as compared to an out-of-state contractor who has to renew it on every project that they do and they're not doing that and you all know that as well, but we don't know who they are so what the heck, leave them out there doing that. Everyone has to get a registration number so that the people who work for the League of Human Dignity and the Department of Social Services and anyone else will know who they are and can track them down in case they do cheat, steal and run off with some poor old soul's money, and believe me, they are going to continue to do it and what our action today probably indicates, they might even try to do it more, trace that paper trail which doesn't just protect consumers, but it also protects the contractors from other unscrupulous contractors and it probably helps people who work for those people as well. What it doesn't do is guarantee the work. Nobody can pass a law saying the work shall be accomplished in a quality way. Who is to determine that kind of quality? So, ladies and gentlemen, with the amendment, even though it doesn't apply to everybody as it should, the principle is important. I think if this could pass, it would establish some criteria that could, in fact, offer us some opportunities in those areas of 100,000 or more, the opportunity to know the difference. And so I'd ask all of you, whether you're opposed to it or not, to give it a chance to work in those communities of 100,000 or more. I'd ask for your support to move this from E & R engrossing to Select File.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** The question now then is the advancement of LB 248 to E & R engrossing. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. A machine vote has been requested. Senator Witek, I believe, is requesting a roll call vote on this particular measure, so we will proceed to a roll call vote. Senator Lynch has requested a call of the house. The question is, shall the house go under call? Vote twice on that if you care to. Would you record, please.

**CLERK:** 32 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** The house is under call. All members return to the Chamber and record their presence. A request has been to have the roll call read in reverse order, and by the way, it will be honored. Senator Cudaback, your request will be honored. Senator Beutler, could you record your presence,