

on and you know, I was talking to Dad about this bill the other night and I said, "What is your experience with it, Father? You have been a subcontractor." And he said, "Karen, you know, I had occasion twice and I really just could not bring myself to file a lien on those people's home because I know that they intended to do right that they already did pay the contractor so I just could not do it because it wasn't fair." So Dad lost out on some money but I will tell you one thing, the people were very appreciative and they were trying to do right and Dad was trying to do right but he felt the responsibility for collecting that money was on his back from the contractor. It was not on the homeowner's back and he felt that the contractor is the one who should be paying him even though he did have the right to collect the money from the people. So, I just think it just goes to show that if you have any sense of good will or any sense of honesty and fairness, there is really no way you can adopt these committee amendments which really do nothing to protect the homeowner. They are really a sham, one of the favorite words of this Legislature. They are really just a sham. They don't do anything. I would urge you to consider rejecting the committee amendments and adopting 512 in its original form and let's solve this problem. Let's not make these people suffer any more. Thank you.

SENATOR KAHLE: We have an amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Goodrich.

CLERK: Mr. President...

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, the amendment to the amendment is withdrawn. We will go back to the committee amendments and Senator Peterson is next.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, all of you know that Grand Island had a tornado last June 3rd. We were highly involved in reconstruction. This matter of lien laws has been of vital interest in Grand Island. I have passed out to the members of this Legislature the action of the State Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, supporting the committee amendments and I might say that on that State Affairs Committee are representatives, not only of contractors but of people who lost their houses and the people who were involved in the lien law and it just appears to me that what we are disregarding is that the committee amendments actually change the present statute. Now we ought to give it an opportunity to function. Let me say further that I have passed out to you also from the Spelts-Schultz Lumber Company, a copy of an ad, that the various suppliers in