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in their office. Now I know at the committee hearing which lasted a good eight hours, one of their major objections was that the county officials, the Register of Deeds, could not handle all this tremendous amount of paper work. So in the handout that Carol and I had the Pages hand out to you, you will note that the industry even opposes this type of notice because of the burden on their county officials. The original version of LB 512 as we have amended it requires only that a registered letter be sent directly to the homeowner and thus eliminating this burden on our county officials. With regard to Senator Burrows saying that we are dumping the subs and suppliers, that is not our intention. We are merely trying to force them to accept the responsibility that they undertake when they give an extension of credit. It is not the homeowner's responsibility. The homeowners are not the one extending the credit, it is the suppliers and the subcontractors. I would like to remind you of a group called Citizens for a Fair Lien Law, some of the work they have done. They have gone to 105 towns that have responded to their petition. It was a one month drive and they received over 3000 signatures from homeowners across the states. We are seeking a change in this law to make it fair. I think LB 512 in its original form has a very fair way of trying to correct the problem that we find ourselves dealing with year in and year out, and I would urge your support of LB 512 in its original form and the rejection of Senator Peterson's amendments. With regard to Senator Landis' comments about the subcontractors and suppliers, collecting the money they are entitled to, I agree, except that the homeowner has already paid that debt once, why should he pay again? That is the basic premise to LB 512. I would urge your support for the original 512 and urge your defeat of Senator Peterson's amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland, we are still bogging down.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would move the previous question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The previous question has been requested. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Shall debate cease? Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Howard Peterson to close on his motion.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, let me say first of all that I want to be sure