

first made knowledgeable of the real problem the very last few days of last year's session. It was brought to my attention, the Community Block Grant of Grand Island, and the home, it is too long a story to tell on my short time, but they got caught into the problem of a licensee removing asbestos in an old house that was half demolished. Basically, what has happened now is the City of Grand Island has about \$30,000 in an old lot that is probably worth 3,000 or four, maximum, down by the railroad tracks. So then I did do a lot of work trying to find out what the rules and regulations were to educate myself and so on. As Senator Wesely said, then during the summer we had some hearings, and I can't commend the...say to much or anything that I would say probably wouldn't be enough in the cooperation that I have received from the Health Department and Jackie Fiedler and her crew. If you've noticed, they were standing out here. She was following me around in the last few days of the session last year and had a resolution in to the effect, but primarily Senator Wesely has explained it. It has taken out the fourplex and down, the homeowner. The roof, the friable material, the definition now has been changed to conform with federal, and if many of the schools didn't understand, Columbus, Nebraska is one that really had a lot of expenses. Some chose to have their own maintenance people certified, which they could have for \$100 and gone ahead and did their school work, such as Grand Island, Norfolk, and so on. Others decided to go the route of the licensee. The licensee, it is a technical thing. It is expensive, about \$3,000, and...but if you do go that route and for liability concerns, there is quite a bit to it. So I do hope that if you have any questions, or you pass this bill with the emergency clause because there are four covers, for example, it was previously if they took up the toilet stool and broke up more than three square foot, the homeowner would go to have new carpet installed in the bathroom; whoa, I can't take up the old floor, and the Health Department meant well, but sometimes we go a little bit too far in regulations. But in no way am I not saying that asbestos is not a concern or that it is a carcinogenic material, but, again, we have to approach it, I guess, with a common sense way and try to work out still protection but still...and some of the safeguards built in, but this will help tremendously the small homeowner and the telephone companies and so on. Now the three foot is changed to 160 foot which conforms with many of the federal regulations as well with many other states, or 240 lineal foot, and that does help the small homeowner, and as Senator Wesely said, that roof can be taken off carefully, and I think Senator Chizek had a