

fall under that definition as I understand it.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. I appreciate Senator Wesely taking the time to put this into the record because it is a little confusing when you read that paragraph that maybe only the homeowner can physically perform themselves, but that is not the intent of the legislation. The purpose is to say that one to four family homes will be exempt provided reasonable cautions are taken. I would like to say I certainly support the bill, and I would like to say one other thing, that we have experienced and we are all aware on the floor that we have a major asbestos problem nationally and in our state for public buildings, schools, and even the individual homes and businesses and there has been a tremendous fervor towards removal of asbestos.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I would caution that further studies have come along and certainly there are some forms of asbestos that are extremely carcinogenic. However, there have been more studies, more recently, by some fairly prestigious researchers that says, yes, but possibly the total asbestos problem isn't quite as big a problem from a carcinogenic standpoint as we might have been originally led to believe. So I would only take this opportunity to urge that we move cautiously when we start looking at the huge amounts supposedly of asbestos that need to be removed from schools or state buildings, public buildings, and private businesses because it appears that there might be some less costly, more efficient and just as safe ways to handle this problem in the future. With that, I would say I do support the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by Senator Beck.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, and members of the body, I want to commend the Health Committee for bringing this bill before us. There is a few questions that I would like to ask Senator Wesely, if he will yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Wesely, as I interpret the bill, there is no limitation to the number of square feet that is affected