

SENATOR WESELY: In any circumstance unless it was improperly handled.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, the question that I was going to ask you, would you care if I amended this to a larger square foot if these were covered, so you have answered my problem and thanks for the information.

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beck, please, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR BECK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the body, I just want to add my support and my commendation and my thanks to Senator Wesely, to Senator Nelson, and Senator Hannibal, all those people who have been working with the asbestos bill. This is a bill that is of considerable importance to my district in the north central Omaha. And I did want to mention that I did testify at the hearing. I had testimony added into the hearing and I would like to just make a couple of statements today, and one is that I believe, if you are looking at the bill, on page 4, lines 21 through 23, I believe that the definition of friable asbestos might be more helpful in the particular problems that we found within the asbestos removal if we would include the phrase "friable asbestos shall mean asbestos which when dry", just those three words. And I would hope that you would consider those three words because I believe that that would improve the definition and actually solve our problem in the bill. There would be no problem then with rules and regs that might be developed if we would use those three words. So I would ask the members of the body who are interested in this, have this problem, to please look at that area and think about adding those words "which when dry". The other thing I might like to mention would be on page 3, lines 6 through 8, after the word "homeowner" if we could add a phrase like this, "his or her agent". Now why do I say that? Well, the reason would be this, that if that were put in there that will take care of the problem that I specifically had in my district of ladies whose husbands have passed away and they have family in the area or even outside the area that would come in and take care of this problem, and I believe that if we added those words, again, that would not detract from the positive part of the asbestos act but it would help those elderly, and, again, we wouldn't have a problem in any rules and regs if we had his or her agent,