

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, this is a scald device bill. To quickly explain it one more time, there are people who are handicapped, who use public facilities, multi-unit facilities and sometimes have been seriously injured because of the scalding water. Unable to move, they were hurt seriously. This simply provides for the...that from happening by installing devices which would prevent, called anti scald devices. However, in the City of Lincoln as compared to Omaha and other areas in the state, there was some confusion about how it applied and when it applied. This amendment simply provides that for example, in multi-unit apartments where they have their own separate facilities, both for heating and air conditioning and also hot water heaters. It would be unnecessary for them to have a scald device because they could simply set the temperature on the heater for that particular unit. It was, in fact, unfair and expensive for people developing those units and for the people that buy them or rent them to have to contend with that additional cost. This amendment clarifies that and provides that in those circumstances, where there are individual units, irregardless of the number of units, the scald device would not be necessary and provided under the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For discussion purposes, Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens, for opening for me, I appreciate that very much. Just, Senator Lynch, I apologize to you. I know you and I visited about this bill last summer and your need to introduce it. Just kind of put people on record here at this point, I've been getting some contact with some people that have some interest in this bill and, you know, aren't that excited about some of the things that it does, so I'd like to visit with you some time before it gets through Select File, but at this point let's...I just want to enter that into the record that there are some concerns about it, but it probably needs to go forward at this point, but let's have some visits about it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of LB 946. Senator Lynch, did you have a closing comment?

SENATOR LYNCH: No, I'd waive closing, Mr. Chairman.