

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Wesely amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lynch would move to amend the bill. The amendment may be found on 1005 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, Mr. Speaker, and members, my amendment reestablishes language or deletes language that was established in the bill by committee amendment as described in the Journal. It has to do with telecommunications companies and simply provides for training by telecommunications companies not different from or less than training required now for power companies and any other contractor. It does not affect any of the language that was described by Senator Hannibal and Senator Wesely regarding home projects or private projects. And if you want me to, I will read it. It is very short. It says, "Any activities engaged in by telecommunications companies as defined in subsections (12) which affect less than 260 linear feet or less than 160 square feet and linear feet in any combination of asbestos-containing material..." I want to make sure you understand that as a person working for the telephone company may be working in a building or a house and, for example, there are asbestos pushout ceilings, there is no problem with this amendment with that worker being able to push this asbestos tiles out, run their cable and put those tiles back. It would not, in fact, prevent where in a commercial building where there were any kind of wet heat or steam heat where there were pipes covered with asbestos removing a small section of anything less than three feet for the purpose of running that cable. It seems appropriate that this be accomplished. Actually, the way the language contained in the committee amendments are, it is a little confusing to me. I am not sure when they mention all that linear feet and all that square feet if they are talking about any single project in a single building which would be about the size of the Capitol here, or if they were talking about that many square feet a year, or a month, or a day, or when. And so for that reason, it seems appropriate that the bill, in fact, be simplified and the language more clear with this amendment. I would simply ask for your support.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion of the Lynch amendment, Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator Wesely.