

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beck would move to amend the bill. Senator, I have your amendment, AM2316, in front of me. (See page 1224 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beck.

SENATOR BECK: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to have you, if you have copies of your bill there, 923, I would like to have the members of the body turn there, if they would. The amendments have been passed out by the Pages. In fact, today is the second time that this AM2316 has been passed to you. If you take that and then look on the bill on page 3, line 6, what I would like to have done is to strike the word "physically", to strike the words "by a homeowner", and then in line 7, strike "his or her." Now the reason that I would like to have this done is because we are talking now about residential units, and if you look at this, if the homeowner is able to do it himself, as many of the people here in the body would be, that works fine. Then they don't have to go under all the rules and regulations, but I have a unique situation and I don't think it is all that unique, but I have several widows in my district, I have a lot of elderly in my district. My district, as you well know, is in north central Omaha. We have a lot of older homes, and they are not able physically to do the necessary work themselves. They have contractors to do it and the cost is just...is exorbitant. There is just, you know, there is just no way. They have started with the regular abatement contractors and the cost is just incredible, and so I would like to have this...I guess this is my go for broke amendment, but I would like to have this in there and then, therefore, it would read in this way: Any activities performed on or in residential property of four units or less. That we know for certain this is the EPA standard, the federal standard at the moment, and I don't know that there is going to be any significant change. And if there is, we can return, but this is the EPA standard and I think that we should be in line with that, and I think we should just consider these older people. We have talked a lot about saving them property tax. We have talked a lot about keeping property tax down, and so on and so forth, and this is something that has really been a real burden to a lot of the people in my district. I've had numerous calls and I have those calls recorded, and I don't know if any of the rest of you have