

had this or not, but I would like the body to do this because then it will put us in standard with the federal regulations, and it will certainly then exempt the homeowner who has the problem but does not have the physical capability to do it. And I think that certainly the older people in our neighborhoods need that consideration, and we are not doing anything off the wall. We are simply lining up, again, with the EPA regulations. I appreciated Senator Hannibal's remarks in the fact that he said if we want to pass 923 we want a bill that will loosen some of the overstrict regulations. Now we are talking about residential homes here, and we are talking about widows and older gentlemen that no longer can do these type of projects, and I think we should give those elderly that considerations, and with that, I would like to have the body add...strike those words and add AM2316 to LB 923.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For discussion of the amendment offered by Senator Beck, the Chair recognizes Senator Wesely, followed by Senators Nelson, Hannibal, and Smith.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this amendment and suggest all of you vote against it as well. Senator Beck is trying to totally take any home situation out of any restrictions whatsoever under the bill, and what you would have then as a result is an ability for anybody and everybody to come into a home and do whatever they wish in terms of dealing with asbestos, tearing it up, tearing it out without training, without standards, without the background or ability to protect the family involved in that home, or future families that may purchase the home. It is absolutely a mistake to go with this amendment, and we can live with the second amendment that she is going to have up. We already provide for in this bill that we are changing now from the current standard that says anything done in the home has to meet these standards, so an individual doing their own work would have to meet these standards. This bill would stop that requirement. It also changes the whole situation in terms of roofing and flooring. A lot of the concerns you have heard from different homeowners have been because of roofing and flooring costs. This changes the definition of friable asbestos, thus making it much easier for flooring and roofing people to do their job without having to be licensed or without having to be fearful of the different restrictions and, yet, still protect the public because the way in which the roofing and flooring work would be handled would have certain limitations on it. In addition, we exempt the