

smaller contractor, below the certain levels of 160, 260 feet and don't require them to be licensed any more, and no \$3,000 fee. They would still have to have trained individuals but, nevertheless, they wouldn't have those restrictions. We are easing up in this bill a great deal of the restrictions under the original bill that has been passed. Going...the Beck amendment goes far too far and, frankly, jeopardizes the bill. We cannot have a situation where anybody and everybody can come into a home and do what they wish in terms of asbestos. Asbestos is something, of course, of concern and I know that there are those that argue that it isn't as big a concern as people have made it out to be. But, nevertheless, people are concerned and, in fact, a large number of complaints have come into the Health Department specifically dealing with home situations and complaints about contractors dealing with that. That is a sore point, a problem, and we get back to a situation with the Beck amendment where there would be no oversight, no involvement, no restrictions, and I think you jeopardize I think the health and welfare of families, not only those that do these projects, but other families that might purchase the home. It is a serious mistake. The second Beck amendment talks about...again, the bill allows for the homeowner, themselves, to do the work. That has got some potential problems, obviously, but, nevertheless, doing your own work in your own home is a little hard to regulate and so it was felt to ease up on that was reasonable. But there are situations where the homeowner can't do the work themselves, but may have a family member or may have somebody else, a neighbor, wanting to do the work, and so her second amendment which deals with the family or unpaid volunteer would be acceptable to me, would be acceptable to others concerned about this issue and would, I think, meet some of the concern. So I think what I would highly recommend is you reject this amendment. The next amendment that she is going to offer is an acceptable amendment, and I think what we have done in this bill, again I emphasize, is ease up tremendously on the restrictions now in place in the law and this amendment, I think, jeopardizes that initiative. So I would strongly oppose it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I also feel the same as Senator Wesely. We have tried to work, we have worked the community, we have worked with the Health Department, the flooring contractors, many, many people. I would be...I have had to