

agreed. They have come up with a bill and it actually came out in the form of 923 that says we are going to ease back, and what we are going to say is the majority of the problems in homes, one to four family homes, meaning four-plexes and apartment duplexes types of things, homes that have roofing removal projects, siding removal projects, floor covering removal projects are probably about 90 percent or more of the projects involved with renovation or remodeling of a home and we are going to exempt those provided they do one thing, and that one thing that they do is they take a little more care with removal of the product. They don't just terribly tear things apart. They have got to take a little care. If you take a little care, you are not going to have an asbestos project. If you don't take a little care, you will have an asbestos project by definition and then you are going to come under these things. So they are doing that. What Senator Wesely is against, what the Department of Health is against is saying we don't want you going in there and tearing out all the pipe insulation in the older homes in the basement that are just wrapped with that white stuff that you have seen, rip that stuff out, and just let it flow through the air, we want that to be done properly. Now if you want to do it yourself as a homeowner or you have a friend that will do it for no compensation, which is what Senator Beck is going to bring next, ah, we will let you do that, but you can't just have some contractor come in and rip that stuff up. They have got to know what they are doing a little bit. Senator Beck is saying we ought to just leave the homes alone completely with this, and that is what it would do. Now I am a little torn. I am in the building business, or used to be, anyway, and I'd like to have the government completely out of my building business, and remodeling, and anything else, but I also understand that while there is some real good evidence that asbestos, as a problem in this country, is way overblown. As a matter of fact, I just got an article from my staff that came out that says, the biggest rip-off that has ever come down the pike. Asbestos, as a matter of fact, probably is much, much more safe just leaving it alone in schools and public buildings than it ever is trying to remove it because you are going to kill seven times more people by removing it, even with asbestos abatement projects, than you will ever kill by just leaving it alone. Okay, so it is a big rip-off, we don't want to do that, and we ought to move slow, and I do believe that. But they, also, and some great studies have come out saying the same kinds of things, but they, also, say that if asbestos is a problem, it is mostly a problem when it is disturbed. To just