

have done. Now if Senator Matzke had read this bill, which I am sure he hasn't read carefully or he wouldn't have made the remark that he made, he would have looked at the bottom of page 3, starting in line 27, which says, it is a violation of this subsection if an employer or representative knowingly and willfully provides false or misleading information on the statement or regarding the contents of the statement. You must knowingly and willfully provide false information. If Senator Matzke is telling us that it is too great a burden to require these companies to tell the truth, then he ought to just go on and say it. The violation is for the knowing and willful giving of false information on these statements. He was talking about how an employer knows what to put on this statement. So if it is not knowingly, willfully false and misleading, there is no violation. With reference to the requirements of providing housing that meets code standards, how is that too great a burden on this company if it is going to get into the housing business? Why is it deemed too great a burden to require the company to let these workers know how much it is going to cost them if the company provides the transportation and the housing? We are not dealing with little corner mom and pop operations. What my amendment would do is to reinstate the criminal sanction. If you don't have that, you have nothing by which to enforce the requirements of this bill. I hope that you will adopt this amendment. The power of the Labor Commissioner to impose the administrative fine will continue to be stricken in accord with Senator Matzke's amendment, as I have amended it. So if you have any questions of me, I am prepared to answer them, but I want to emphasize for you again the state is already having to subsidize many of these people. The Department of Social Services, Senator Matzke, has had to provide food stamps. There are other groups who have to provide housing. Some of the people who are evicted from this substandard housing by the company to make way for a fresh influx of these workers have had to pile up in a very small, inadequate dwelling which puts it in violation of the city codes. And that doesn't bother you. These companies are not under any impetus to avoid or stop doing these things, that's why they continue doing them. So what you want to have the Legislature do is say we recommend that you not do these things, but we really don't mean it. If you want to lie about the housing, go ahead, there's no punishment. If you want to lie about the nature of the job, go ahead. If you want to bring a thousand of these people here under misrepresentation and create serious problems in the community, go ahead. The Legislature does not think that this misconduct by the company