

was in LB 406. It deals with the aspect of asbestos. The bill dealt with the establishment of a new individual, if you will, within the asbestos area, that being a project monitor. The project monitor is listed in the committee...the E & R amendment rather, it's AM7056, and it talks about the project monitor, and I believe it's at page 25 of the proposal, excuse me, 27. We list a project monitor, it's an individual certified by the department to observe abatement activities performed by contractors to represent the building owner, to ensure work is completed according to specifications in compliance with statutes and regulations and to perform air monitoring to determine final clearance. And then we go to Section 27, which is a new section that's added on page 38 of AM7056, and it talks about what those project monitors will do, and it makes it permissive. It's an individual who would basically be employed by the building owner and they would be...work there in that capacity. They basically stand in the shoes of the owner to make sure that the project is being done in compliance with state and federal statutes with regard to asbestos abatement. I'm in support of the measure, I don't have any problem with it. It's just that the amendment is a technical one on page 39 of AM7056, line 4, and it's just to clarify that the project monitor is a...and it is not a mandatory capacity that's suddenly put into statute. It merely says that if the building owner should hire the project monitor that they shall, and then it lists in the statute, oversee the activities of the business entity conducting the asbestos project. So it's a technical amendment that just says if a project designer or a project monitor selected by the structure's owner-operator for the asbestos project, the project designer, project monitor shall oversee the activities. It is technical, very technical, just a clarifying amendment to ensure that the intent of this section, which was clearly to do nothing more than allow for these individuals to basically be licensed to exist and serve as a surrogate, if you will, for the building owner to insure that the business entity, that asbestos contractor is doing their job, if they so chose. And if Senator Wesely would respond to a couple questions on this issue.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Wesely, the...as I stated, the project monitor, as we're putting this in place with Section 27 of AM7056, we're really just talking about a permissive situation. If a building owner or operator decides to hire one of these