TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

March 22, 2006 LB 915

this, why do we even have this language which does not take into consideration that a person could subsequently be found innocent, and where there's no reference to knowledge on the part of the property owner that this activity is occurring? Let me ask a different question.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When you brought LB 915 to the body, and what we're dealing with now is the committee amendment, why is that not enough to accomplish the purpose that you had in mind?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Well, quite obviously, you know, we're fixing the problem with LB 915 that exists out there, but I still have a problem with the fact that the property owners are the ones that's going to be financially responsible for it and in most cases, and I repeat in most cases, they are not the ones that are responsible for the damage, to begin with.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Shouldn't the property owner have some responsibility to know what is going on with his or her property?

SENATOR AGUILAR: In many cases, yes. But as we all know, many times a property owner doesn't live in the same state and may work through a real estate agency, so he really would have no way of overseeing, would simply be dependent upon his representative here to look out for his interests.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And isn't the responsibility of an agent to look after the interests of the principal, or the one who has hired that person to be an agent?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if that agent is not attentive, then that burden still is on the property owner; shouldn't it be?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And maybe if property owners are served