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question?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I will.

SENATOR BAKER: The question would be, in your experience in contracting, obviously, did I understand you to say there were 40 to 50 people in your estimate that were currently licensed to do this?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct. And yes, Senator, most of those are in the eastern part of Nebraska.

SENATOR BAKER: Do you know any of them outstate Nebraska? Maybe...you probably didn't build anything out there, but...

SENATOR JENSEN: No.

SENATOR BAKER: ...I'm assuming most of them are centered in Omaha.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes,...

SENATOR BAKER: Would that be correct?

SENATOR JENSEN: ...I certainly think so.

SENATOR BAKER: You've got to...thank you, Senator Jensen. You have to understand, we're 300 miles from Omaha. We're a lot closer to Denver. We're closer to Hays, Kansas, and so on, where we do have these contractors. We were more than satisfied with them. They provide our maintenance. And for us to expect somebody to come out from Omaha to inspect a church elevator in Trenton, I don't know what it would cost us but it's going to be a lot more than what we're doing now. And we were...I know you say they're unscrupulous people, we were not born under a rock out there and we were not born this morning maybe, or yesterday morning. We've been more than happy with the contractors out of Denver, Hays, Kansas, I know there's an elevator contractor down there. To expect us to have to go to Omaha to find someone to come to our small church and inspect an elevator is obviously going to add to the cost of it. Plus the fact that, I served on