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SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President, members. It has been awhile and it's kind of dim, the light back here. (Laugh) I'm going to try and read from my notes or get some ideas. This, to me, as I recall where we stopped this morning, it was sort of a protect us from ourselves kind of bill. The committee (sic) amendment is the bill now. And let me tell you, these upgrades, and when we put a new elevator in our local church, they're expensive. I can't remember, \$60,000 or something like that. Here's some of the...and I was chairman of that committee who put that in. Some of the process, as I recall, and it's been a number of years ago, was before we could do anything, plans were submitted to the Fire Marshal and after...and an architect came in. When you start preparing and putting a shaft from one floor to another in a building, you have...there's a considerable amount of structural issues involved. Had an architect. Had to submit those to the Fire Marshal, and a building inspector from the village looked things over. And then, as we constructed it, there was electric inspections, there was a final inspection by the Fire Marshal and, as I recall, some sort of an elevator from the department...inspector from Department of Labor. And then our insurance company came out, our carrier, and said yes. They signed off on it and so on. So there's a whole group of permits, inspections and so on, and we didn't take it lightly. It was expensive and it's still expensive to maintain that. I can't imagine what it's going to cost us to get someone to come out there now with all these additional requirements. And please don't try and tell me there's not much new to this. We're trying to protect consumers. But I did read this 23-page amendment, which is now the bill. I highlighted some things in here. I don't...I'll bet...I'm mimicking Senator Chambers now. I'll bet most of you haven't read this from front to back. I did this morning. I highlighted some things. On page 6, I want to point out on line 25 the act applies to conveyances in private residences at the time of installation, and such conveyances are subject to inspection at installation and are not subject to periodic inspection. But you put an elevator in your private residence, at the time of installation, has to be in compliance and such conveyances are subject to inspection at installation. That's on page 6, line 25. You go over to page 9, on line 17, "No person shall erect, construct, wire, alter," Senator Stuthman, "No person shall erect, construct,