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file, the guy that's out there in the field looking at this machinery and seeing what's going on. I think it's important also to underscore that we have taken a lot out...of the jurisdiction out of this amendment from the original bill, and this was done as a direct result of compromise. And some of the issues, for instance, that Senator Hudkins was under the impression that some of the stuff was still in the bill, well, it's not, and again, it was done for the most part reluctantly on my behalf because I believe from day one that I wanted to do something relative to safety in this state and to prevent any serious accidents, injuries, or deaths relative to all this machinery, including wheelchair lifts. But nothing in this bill, as it stands under this amendment, nothing in this bill includes installation or inspection of private wheelchair lifts that's commonly used in personal residence. There are some cost. A lot of the cost are industry cost, cost for mechanics to get their license, cost to the contractor to get their license, so that there's some remedy for individuals that are victimized. Senator Bourne spoke this afternoon about people being victimized in the access arena or enterprises, and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...quite frankly, you get stuck. If you got this piece of machinery, you have no remedy right now except to go to civil court and try to recapture your losses. At least with this amendment these individuals would be licensed. You would have the ability to go after the license, to go to the commission and ask that their license be revoked for poor performance. We don't have that ability now. I'd ask your support of AM2344, and I'll work with individuals if there's any additional compromise or refinement that needs to be done between now and Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. You've heard the closing on AM2344. The question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of the Synowiecki amendment, AM2344. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Have you all voted? Senator Synowiecki, are you...?