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SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch, do you...can you give us a summary of the committee amendments?

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, Mr. Speaker, members, I certainly haven't been authorized by the committee to do this. But if it's amendment 0335, is that the one, filed on 210? If that's the amendment, it reads as follows, before performing any construction work in this state with a contract, or contracts of \$5,000 or more in value, an out-of-state contractor shall file a surety bond with the department for each such contract, period. The bond shall be greater of one, \$1,000; or, two, 5 percent of the value of each contract or contracts. And on line 2...on page 2, line 1 strike 18 and insert 19. And on line 4...on page 4, line 13, strike 7 and insert 8. Then renumber the remaining sections. I think that's the committee amendments, Mr. Chairman. And as introducer of the bill, I support the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Abboud, would you like to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members. The committee amendments offered a...the original intent of the bill was to provide for...deal with problems with...part of the bill was to deal with out-of-state contractor problems. And we found that the bill itself really didn't provide the kind of protection for the citizens of the State of Nebraska that...that was needed with the bill as it was originally introduced. So the committee provided that out-of-state contractors post a surety bond for each job over \$5,000 in value. And the bond would be the greater of \$1,000 or 5 percent of the value in cases that that would apply. So the idea behind the amendment is that...that we provide protection, workers' comp protection. I know that's not the right word to use right now, but this does involve workers' comp. And I think...actually, I don't know, Senator Lynch, if this is some...this isn't some amendment that's going to be attached by the trial attorneys as a revisor of 757, is it? Okay. All right. I wanted to make sure for the body, so there are no tricks involved in this. But this particular bill is...was viewed from the committee as dealing with a problem where we have out-of-state contractors not providing the kind of protection to our citizens of the state that are needed. So that was the reason that the amendment was attached and why the