

bill was advanced out of committee. So I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. On the committee amendments, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Lynch or Senator Abboud, the amendment requires a surety bond.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's to ensure payment to whom of what?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. Well, the bill provides for...the bill provides for protection for individuals that are damaged, initially, here for workers' compensation. And also...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is...

SENATOR ABOUD: ...but the surety bond also provides protection for individuals that are damaged by, in some way, by the contractor, by an out-of-state contractor. I guess that's the intent behind it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's...it's for the protection of...not of the workers' comp fund...

SENATOR ABOUD: No.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And it's for the protection of...well, let's say I'm a homeowner and I contract with a contractor. Is this surety bond for my protection?

SENATOR ABOUD: You contract with an out-of-state contractor?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, it is.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So, if they don't complete the work properly then the surety bond is to be paid over to me?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.