

surety bond, which we understand to be a performance bond, is being required of out-of-state contractors. How about in-state contractors? As far as I know, unless you are contracting with a...with a public entity, such as the university or doing work for the state, there's no performance bond required of in-state contractors. Does the green copy of the bill provide for performance bonds for in-state contractors?

SENATOR ABBOD: No.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is it...is there...is there any reason why we shouldn't have the same requirement for in-state contractors, since we don't have any...there's no licensing provision for contractors, or no other handle that we have on in-state contractors, so far as I know, that.. that's any greater than out-state contractors, except perhaps jurisdiction of the courts.

SENATOR ABBOD: I...I guess the idea behind the...this particular bill, not including in-state contractors, one...one of the important reasons was that the...the idea is that the contractors in-state would probably have assets that could be attached for...if there was a judgment placed against the in-state contractor. It would be easier to get...get the judgment performed or paid, and that was the idea why we did not include in-state contractors.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the...the committee on this, and after the hearing there was quite a lapse of time before it did come out of committee. I know I had some concerns about what this bill really did. It was kind of presented to the committee as something that would be a protection for homeowners from people who come in, after disasters particularly, after a tornado, after a flood, or something, and do a lot of work, maybe do a lot of...or a hail storm, a lot of siding, a lot of roofing, and disappear, and maybe do a shoddy job and there's nobody to turn to. And so by requiring everybody to register, it might provide an address or a starting point for the homeowner to pursue someone. But that seemed pretty shallow to me, and I pretty much argued that it really didn't do anything to protect the homeowners, so I think,