

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. You've heard the closing on the committee amendments. We will now vote on the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Mr...Senator Lynch, did you wish to take up your amendment now, or do you want to open on the bill? Take up the amendment. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Lynch would move to amend with AM1762, Mr. President. (Amendment appears on page 1790 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, Mr. Speaker and members, amendment 1762, which was just passed out, is not published, and I apologize for that. But after some discussion, just prior to...before coming to the floor with the bill, there was and has been concern about whether or not this does in fact apply to helping folks and protect them against unscrupulous brokers or contractors. To help clarify that, this amendment is suggested, and I hope, in a simple way, clarifies what we mean by subcontractor and general contractor. And on line 2...on page 2, line 14, just after subcontractor, insert general contractor and other persons arranging for the performance of construction. There's another reason I brought this to you in the form an amendment now on the bill. Some of you probably received correspondence from interior decorators. There's some concern from some interior decorators about whether they should be considered and a part of this legislation. To help clarify that this amendment was offered, but also I have to tell you that we have been working with all of those folks. As late as last Thursday we were in contact with a fellow by the name of John Lynch, who is no relation. He's the executive director of sorts for this group. They were concerned about the definition of interior decorator, and if...if it applies or not. There are some interior decorators that contract to remodel kitchens, for example, or bathrooms for that matter, or put additions on houses. In the process of that they do, in fact, hire subcontractors,