

multiple estimates, as I just described, checking for licenses and bonding by calling your state contractor licensing board is underlined. That's what this bill simply attempts to do, to register contractors. It's 25 bucks. There are exceptions for people from having to be registered and, in fact, pay that \$25. But it seems important that that's the least we can do. I'm not sure what people have to fear from this at all. I think if given a chance it will protect a number of people from terrible experiences that they've had. I didn't bring all the horror stories with me to the floor, but I'd be (inaudible) provide them for you. An exception to the fee, for example, would be for self-employed contractors who do not pay more than \$1,000 to any employees and who do not work with any other contractors at the same time on the job. So if you're an individual who is working by yourself, for yourself, you do not have to pay the fee. You have to register so that people would know how to get a hold of you and where you are, should they have a complaint about your work, but you do not have to pay the fee. And that's about as simple as it. I guess we can make as much or as little as we want to out of it. We can try to interpret it to mean something more or less than what it is. And I know that the interior decorator thing and that language is probably of some concern to some of you. But in about five minutes we're going to get to some of those senators that are already on the floor and talking with each other, and that's fine with me. And I don't want a gavel. But, in any case, I would appreciate your consideration of this soon to, hopefully before four o'clock comes around, move it to Select File.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Could I please have you keep the conversations down. We're still trying to conduct business here, please. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. I'd like to ask Senator Lynch a couple questions, if I could, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch, would you respond please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: In reading your...and in going over the bill, I know we talked about it in the committee. I'm trying to decide or trying to figure out exactly where the people were trying....I know what you're trying to do, and I certainly