

cannot participate, the Department of Labor cannot help us participate to protect people against that sort of thing. I...I won't go any further. I can say some more, but I'll...

SENATOR VRTISKA: I understand what you're saying, and I certainly agree with it. I guess my problem is I don't know how this piece of legislation is going to correct...Given an example of somebody from another state comes in after some kind of a disaster or whatever, and they do a lousy job, and they give you, my example is a vacant lot over in Des Moines, Iowa, and they give you an address, and you put it down and they register, then they leave town, you never see them again, you don't know where to find them. I'm just trying to figure out with this type of bond how much protection they're really going to be...You're talking about...

SENATOR LYNCH: They...they would have to register. When they register it would be the Department of Labor's responsibility to check and make sure that that registration is, in fact, appropriate, and, in fact, there is a responsibility and liability. The Department of Labor would find out if they're using a vacant lot as an address, or a post office box somewhere else to collect whatever funds and fees they can. A lot of these people though, Senator, since I'm involved and have been involved in business for some time in construction, these are the kind of people that come to town, sign up these poor souls, get their check as soon as they can, arrange for financing, put a little material on the job, hire some person so,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...knowing full well that they probably won't complete the work, leave town with the money and the money from the financing, and don't really care whether the job is done or not. Under this bill that person would have to be registered. And the Department of Labor would have the responsibility, because of the \$25 registration fee, which is more than adequate for them to cover the responsibility of checking these people out, where they are, who they are, and if in fact they are who they are, to protect people against it. So, you see, I...I see it as a very effective tool to protect consumers.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, my time is about up, but I still have a problem with...with the amount of the bond, that it's going to protect only the very smallest of contracts.