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there are, under federal law I think there are some kind of notice provisions, but are there any under state law, or do we need any under state law? Maybe tell us what you know about that subject.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, I don't pretend to be an expert on this subject. But I will tell you, thanks to my counsel here, that any house constructed prior to 1978, if it changes hands or someone moves into it, there is a federal requirement that an informational pamphlet be supplied along when that transaction takes place. And so there is information given to people who move into an older house or purchase an older house. And I don't believe there's any state law pertaining to that, but there is federal law.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Would it be of any value to parrot that kind of language in state law for the purpose of making everybody more aware of what the law is? Do you think people would find that objectionable in any way?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, I think there would be some value there. Certainly my limited knowledge of lead hazards, I was surprised when told about the lead level in blood of some of our youth in some areas of this state. And I think most of it is probably attributable to paint, although there are other factors. So I think there would be some value into looking into that. It is a serious problem, and with this bill we wanted to access federal funds so it could be used to clean up some of the more problem areas in our state. And that's the purpose of this bill. But I will be glad to look at that with someone, if they're interested in..in providing more information to the public. Certainly there is information out there now, but it's my guess that a lot of the public is not aware of the hazard.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, I'm very grateful for the committee picking up the bill and carrying it through.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I don't intend to be a nuisance, but I thought I might look at that question, just to see if that...if that made any sense to you or the committee.