

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this bill seeks to establish an apprentice registration program for apprentice electricians in municipalities of over 5,000. The registration of apprentice electricians will provide the State Electrical Board with a positive method of determining an individual's eligibility with reference to time requirement when applications for state electrical examinations are submitted. Registered apprentice electricians could easily substantiate previous work experience when seeking employment with electrical contractors. The registration fee will be \$5 renewable annually and a billfold size certificate of registration will be issued to apprentice electricians. The people who are interested in this feel that this is a step in the right direction and I think anyone who understands anything about electricity at all realizes we do need all the protection we can get just for the sake of the public. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak, your light is on.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, when this bill first came across the floor several years ago, this was the big fight, this was the big concession, this was the big compromise that the smaller communities, smaller rural type areas should be exempt from this provision. At that point, the introducers of the bill, the sponsors of the bill said, oh, yes, we agree, you don't have the expertise in those areas, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera, and now here it comes very quietly like a spirit drifting over the desert putting this back in which we fought so tenaciously for three years ago. Now, so they are making another encroachment dropping the population barrier from what it initially was and I think it is even though three years later it is a violation of trust and I think anybody representing these type of areas ought to take a look at the qualified people there and see whether they can live with it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I concur with the arguments presented by Senator Dworak. This has been before us other times and at this point anyway nobody has convinced me or presented arguments which indicate that this bill is necessary and that it, in fact, is needed at this point. And unless there is more arguments presented in that manner, I would oppose the bill.