

have been made on the floor and first of all, in response to the defective roof situation. If the prime contractor does a job for you and you say as a homeowner that the roof is defective and you get into a dispute about that, under LB 512 you can still file a lien against the homeowner. What 512 addresses itself to is not to parties who have dealt directly with one another, but with parties who have not dealt directly with one another. Homeowners and people in the second and third and fourth tier in the construction industry, the subcontractors and the suppliers of the subcontractors, so this has nothing to do with defective roofs and even if the lien law didn't apply, the contractor has the right to go to court and sue the homeowner. That is the traditional way we settle things in this society and they can do it in that situation too. Senator Higgins, if you really want to do dirt to the attorneys, I suggest you vote to advance the bill because the attorneys are getting more out of this law the way it is right now than anybody, believe me. The law is unclear. They are suing people right and left, liens being filed all over the place. It is a heyday for attorneys. If you want to do damage to the attorneys, make the law clear. Make it concise and there will be a lot less litigation and a lot less attorneys fees. Again, Mr. Speaker, I would just close by asking the body to advance the bill and I reiterate once more that for those of you who are concerned about additional protection for the subcontractors and material men but who are not satisfied with anything we have presently, our minds are open. We will sit down and have a couple of conferences and see if some additional protections for subcontractors can be worked out but I am firm that if both groups cannot be protected, it really in all fairness should be the homeowner who is protected. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Do you have some items you want to read in first?

CLERK: Yes, sir, if I may. Mr. President, Senator Schmit would like to print amendments to LB 529. Senator Kahle would like to print amendments to LB 529, Senator Goodrich to LB 512, Senator Koch to LB 560. (See pages 1594-1596 of the Legislative Journal.)