

no anything, and do whatever they darn well please. I am correct on the...if it is under 5,000, whether it is residential, commercial or anything else, it does not have to have a license. They can come over and take that work away from our people. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please. You're the last speaker.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I have real mixed emotions on this particular issue. Senator Lamb points out the difficulties perhaps in getting licensed electricians in many of the rural areas. By the same token, as a former member of the Rural Electric Board and along with Senator Sieck and Senator Lamb, I'm aware of some of the wiring situations that are out there right now. Also I do a little wiring myself. I've been in the attics of a few homes that quite frankly scare you to death when you see what is up there and when you take the covers off some of these fuse boxes and see all the wires going in there in various states of bad condition, too many of them on one fuse. It is a pretty scary situation. I guess I think it is a matter of safety, and I sometimes wonder why we, because of economic conditions, we to a degree say that we want to protect the safety of some people in certain areas, but we are not that concerned about safety of people in other areas. I'll tell you of an example that I saw just recently, and I know this one that perhaps is a little technical for some of you, but I think most of you will understand. We had some cattle in a place where we had to haul some cattle out from. When the truck backed in I noticed he almost caught the wire going to the barn. It was a 110 installation, there was only one wire. In other words there wasn't any ground carried. Now any of you that know anything about electricity at all know that is rather dangerous. It is scary is what it is. I think that we ought to recognize that there is a lot of unsafe things going on out there. Perhaps Senator Lamb is right. Perhaps this is "creepyism", I don't know. But I do think we need to be concerned about the condition of the electrical installations. We are having more and more of them, we are having more and more three-phase, more and more 440 volt situations. Admittedly 110 in most instances, like this situation I was telling you about, is not going to kill anybody. It is possible it could. It could give you a heck of a shock, but we are getting a lot more sophisticated in the rural areas as well, using a lot more electricity. I