

compromise. This puts the population, under which the present exemption would hold, down to 3,500 instead of 5,000, 3,500 instead of 5,000. I guess I'm saying at this point okay, maybe those towns of 4,000 up to 5,000 can have a licensed electrician there. When you get down into these smaller towns it is more of a problem, more of a problem. So at some point we are arbitrarily setting a boundary, whether it is 3,500 or whether it is a municipality. See under Senator Pappas's bill rural areas will not be covered. Rural areas won't be covered, but all incorporated areas will be. So unincorporated areas will still have the exemption. So I'm asking that you also include that exemption up to a population of 3,500. Now I don't know, I...if this doesn't go, you know I have 3,400 and 900...3,499. I have a whole lot of those. I don't suppose I'll have nerve enough to put up 100 amendments up there lowering that by 1 each time because that is not my style, but it is a temptation. So I'm offering, at this point, the compromise. Put the exemption at 3,500 instead of the present 5,000 and go with it that way.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas, please.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I rise to oppose Senator Lamb's amendment. I think it goes back to the question of what is safe for people 3,500, or 5,000, or 2,500, or what else. You know Senator Lamb talked about it wasn't his style to do something like this, to go back 101 amendments. At times I find it hard to determine just what is Howard Lamb's style. But I think basically we debated this a long time. I think this is an issue that should be passed for public safety, for communities under 5,000 so everybody can have the same right to knowledge and safety as the towns above 5,000. I hope we can reject this amendment quickly, advance the bill quickly so we can get on to other things within this body.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, would you like to close please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, just briefly. You know one of the joys of sitting here by Senator Lynch is that I hear a lot of stories. Some of them are really eligible to be told in mixed company. So I'm tempted to tell...I'm not a story teller, but I have one here I want to tell. It kind of exemplifies what we are doing here in the Legislature this