

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I think Senator Lamb has a fair amendment. We all know what is happening out in the rural areas. We all know what our problems are. My input has been we are getting along fine. It doesn't touch or harm 80 percent of the legislators on the legislative floor, Lincoln, Omaha, Fremont, Grand Island, you have it. We do have a problem and all we are asking is that if we are satisfied with 3,000 and our people are satisfied, just let us go. Let us have 3,000 and we'll work it out. If we have a problem we'll come back and change it. So I would like to ask the body to have a little compassion for the people out in small communities and accept Senator Lamb's amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR LAMB: Only to say that this is my last amendment. I'm not going to do it again. I'm not going to delay the process. I think it is legitimate. My mentor here, just ahead of me, suggested this number. I think it is a good number. And there really doesn't make any sense to say that those small towns can't have the same kind of exemption that we have out on the farm. See it is arbitrary wherever you put it. Wherever you put it, it is arbitrary. Senator Pappas's proposal here is arbitrary because it says, in effect, any incorporated area you'll have to have a licensed electrician, but not if you step outside that incorporated area onto a farm, or onto a house that is not in the incorporated area. So we are talking about arbitrary number whether you go with his bill or whether you go with my amendment. I would ask that those towns, under 3,000 population, be exempted from this act.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Lamb amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote. Please vote if you care to. Have you all voted? Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, I guess I would have to ask for a call of the house and call in votes, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Now record, Mr. Clerk.