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PRESS RELEASE. 14.2.68.

The Minister of Works, The Hon. C.D. Hutchens, M.P. today met the President and Vice-President of the Housing Industries Association and discussed the position of sub-contractors in the building industry. Mr. Hutchens represented the Government in the absence of the Premier on election duties.

The representatives of the Association stated that many sub-contractors were not aware of the action which the Government had taken to ensure that sub-contractors receive not less a return for their work than would an employee.

Mr. Hutchens was able to inform the Association that the Premier, as Minister of Housing, had negotiated with the South Australian Housing Trust as a result of which the Trust had included in all new contracts a clause which ensured a return to sub-contractors not less than the rate they would receive had they been working as employees.

In relation to existing contracts, the only manner in which they could have been varied was by an Act of Parliament. The Government had introduced a provision in the Industrial Code Bill presented to Parliament in 1967 to cover this matter. Unfortunately, the Opposition in the Legislative Council had thrown out that clause of the Bill and thus left the sub-contractors without the protection which the Government intended for them.

Mr. Hutchens stated further that there was no other legal means of amending the existing contracts, but the Government, as indicated by the Premier in his Policy Speech, would re-introduce the provision to protect sub-contractors in the next session of Parliament.
