

to the bill but the bill provides that if a structure is built, both sections of the bill refer to any level of government, costing more than \$10,000, it has to be under the supervision of a registered engineer. The Committee amendment changes the \$20,000, the bill says go from 10 to \$20,000 and the amendment substitutes 20 of our 25. I move the adoption of the Committee amendment because testimony borne out at the Committee hearing was that due to inflation, that \$20,000 was even much too low and even 25, so the Committee did go along with 25 rather than \$20,000, so I move the adoption of the Committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: A question of Senator Kremer, please. I'm wondering, Senator, is \$25,000 high enough? It seems to me that almost any building that you build, any little, small building, is more than \$25,000. I'm wondering if the Committee would object to \$50,000, for instance.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, only to review the testimony at the time that the bill was heard, Senator Lamb, the Committee introduced the bill at the level of \$20,000 and then during the testimony, and very few testified, I think there were only two or three, felt that \$20,000 was too low so we did go to 25. I would have no objections to going to 30. I think I would have to have a look at anything beyond that because sometimes a subdivision of government, whatever the project may be, whether it's roads, natural resource districts, or what, if you're spending public money, I think a project should be pretty well engineered if we're spending above \$30,000. I would go along with the \$30,000.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee amendment be amended to read \$30,000 instead of \$25,000.

PRESIDENT: All right, would you please reduce that to writing? We now have an amendment to the Committee amendments before us. Do you want to speak to that, Senator Kahle, or to the Committee amendments?

SENATOR KAHLE: I'll speak to it.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I didn't realize this bill was coming up this quick, but my County Board back home has presented me with a resolution that they think that the \$20,000 would certainly be too small a figure and they asked that it be \$50,000. Now, I would support Senator Lamb's amendment to \$30,000, I guess, but you can't even contract for a bridge today that really doesn't need much engineering. It's designed to fit a certain gap in the road and \$20,000 is certainly not enough. I'm not sure \$30,000 is enough. I believe I would... if it's permissive, can you amend an amendment? I would amend Senator Lamb's amendment to...

PRESIDENT: Oh, no, that's once too often.

SENATOR KAHLE: You can't do that? All right, we'll...

PRESIDENT: How much do you want:?

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, generally the feeling is, I think, among county officials and county engineers, that it should be the \$50,000 figure because that's about what a bridge