

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, there will be a very short closing. I'm sure that this is a realistic figure. I think it will save money for the counties and for the NRD Districts and I'm sure you're going to get good construction because if it's over that you're going to have to have an engineer. If it's under that then I'm sure that most counties have a, not a registered engineer, but a road superintendent and I'm sure the NRD people have some expertise that they can use, so I think this is a good, round figure. I'm sorry we had to do a little auctioneering because I don't think anybody has a license and we might get in trouble that way if we go any further.

PRESIDENT: The question is the amendment to the Committee amendments offered by Senator Kahle. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays, on the Kahle amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: It's adopted. Now the Committee amendments. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee amendments, as amended, be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, on the adoption of the Committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Committee amendments are adopted. Do you have further amendments?

CLERK: I have nothing further, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Is this your bill? Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, it is a Public Works Committee bill and I think in discussing the amendments, we've pretty thoroughly discussed the bill. It merely stipulates that now that any project costing more than \$40,000 has to be under the direction of a registered engineer and inflation, as we've experienced it the last number of years, would indicate that anything less than that would be costly. In fact, the registered engineer that testified at the Committee hearing said that engineers are very reluctant to get involved in a project that costs anything in the neighborhood of less than the \$20,000 figure so with this information and the amendment that has been adopted presently, I move that LB 420 be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question before you is the advancement of this bill. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 165.

CLERK: Mr. President, (Read title to LB 165). The bill was first read on January 11. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are pending Committee amendments, Mr. President.