

talk to the main issue. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I find it quite interesting that Senator Bereuter brings in this particular amendment because I also heard from the same attorney and I did not request a letter from the same attorney. That attorney was presenting a particular perspective because a firm with whom he was associated did not receive the bid to build here in Southeast Community College area. The Board, I believe I am accurate as I speak, unanimously adopted the procedure in the Southeast Community College. The Board in the Southeast Community College feels that it has saved a large number of dollars in their construction of a new project in this area through a new procedure. This procedure would not be possible if Senator Bereuter's amendment is adopted. It would say, you have to use the same old way of doing things. We can't look at something new that may be an economy for the taxpayers. In the international scene, the way of bidding on projects has taken an entirely new method. Some American firms have lost jobs, particularly in South America, and you say why are you bringing this up. I am bringing it up because there are new procedures all the time on the horizon. Just because it is new does not mean it is good but just because it is new does not mean it is bad. It can mean an economy for the taxpayer. It can mean more space for the dollar expended. It can mean a better building, a more useful building, a more flexible building with some new procedures. I will vote against this amendment and I urge the body to consider what I have had to say. In a bidding procedure as the amendment now stands is the way it has been done in the past for many years at the expense of the taxpayer. Oh, it has filled some pockets successfully along the way and many private firms would like this amendment but some of the firms that are willing to look at a new way of doing things would like to try some of the new methods. They may not always get the bid but it is a way to save dollars for the taxpayer. I oppose this amendment.

FRESIDENT: Senator Fowler, do you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes, I have some questions of Senator Bereuter, if I could.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes.

SENATOR FOWLER: Senator Bereuter, could you explain how the bidding procedure that Southeast Community College used is different than the bidding procedure that everybody else has to follow?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I can't. I don't know how Southeast Community College proceeded exactly. They did use a designed bid situation.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, can you talk about how the designed bid differs from the procedure that is used for like state buildings, for example, the procedure we require for ourselves?

SENATOR BEREUTER: The state procedure, which Senator Marsh is one of the outspoken advocates, requires that we have a