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program statement prepared before we take appropriations action. Now what we are proposing here is that bids and specifications be prepared upon which bids may then be solicited so that you have a full, complete open process for the public to observe and for all contractors to have an equal ability to compete.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, are you saying that under the situation as it is now, you could have two bids of totally different buildings, totally different specifications come in. The Board could select one or the other but there would be no basis of comparison in advance. Is that correct?

SENATOR BEREUTER: That is exactly correct.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay.

SENATOR BEREUTER: So really there is no comparison on a unit basis because the units that may be proposed and probably would be proposed under most situations would be different types of units.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, have you handed out a copy of the amendment?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I have not.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, maybe we will have to recess for lunch. You may want to hand a copy out. I think Senator Bereuter may have a worthwhile suggestion in requiring community colleges to use the bidding procedures that all other people are done. I guess I would disagree with my Lincoln colleagues on this that I don't think we should be so paranoid of this amendment. I think the process that was used makes it very difficult for voters to decide if the best bid was selected because there is no initial specifications laid out. There is no way for that comparison to take place. Now if we are going to allow an exception for community colleges, if it is such a good procedure, I think that we should do it for all types of facilities, if, indeed, it is such a cost saving proposal, but until we allow it for other subdivisions of government, I don't think that we should allow the exception for the community colleges. So right now I would support Senator Bereuter in his amendment.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports we have carefully examined and reviewed LB 722 and recommend that same be replaced on Select File with amendments. Mr. President, I have communication on the desk from the Secretary of State regarding the overrides of LB 98 and 108. Those will be inserted in the Legislative Journal in full. (See pages 1621 and 1622) Mr. President, LR 215 introduced by Senator Rasmussen and Nichol. Read. (See page 1623, Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, that will be properly laid over.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move we recess until 1:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye, contrary say nay. We are in recess until 1:30 p.m.

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