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will become the civil engineer. The amendment, I don't think is necessary, but I certainly would not disapprove. The people of this state are going to elect the engineer, or the City of Omaha and the City of Lincoln, Douglas County and Lancaster County are going to elect the engineer. He will have to fill the bill after election, and he can fill it if he is an engineer. The amendment is not essential and, Senator Stoney, I will not oppose putting it on but I don't think it is necessary. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will be very brief. Let me read into the record a letter from the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. It is not directly on point with Senator Stoney's language. It is on point with LB 924. "The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that you place in the legislative record the following statement of intent of LB 924: It is the intention of the provisions of 924 to require that county engineers continue to comply with the provisions of Sections 23-3212, 23-324.08, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943." Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I have just a couple of questions of Senator Stoney if he would yield. One of the reservations I have, Senator Stoney, about this is that the bill as written right now limits it to registered professional engineer. It limits all the category people that can run for office to registered professional engineers, and I wonder if you know if we further limit it to people who are qualified in civil engineering approximately how many people in Douglas County would then be eligible to run for county surveyor?

SENATOR STONEY: Well, I think that the majority of the people, at least again from the information we were able to attain through the State Board of Examiners, would have the qualifications either presently to be a civil engineer or through again an oral or written examination...qualify them that way.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well now are you sure that your amendment as written would permit an oral or written examination? The way I read it is that, county engineers shall be a registered professional engineer and shall be qualified in civil engineering. Now are you sure that somebody without