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is that it has the potential to save school districts time, has the...save taxpayers dollars, and it fixes a single point of responsibility. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Quandahl and Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on LB 391. On with committee amendments offered by Chairperson of the Government, Military Affairs (sic) Committee. Senator Schimek, you are recognized to open on those amendments.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. First, the committee amendment removes the design-based selection process and the design-based selection process means that the design-builder is selected first on the qualifications of the design-builder and then on the design-builder's proposal to design and construct the project. This selection process was difficult for architects and engineers because they would spend a great deal of time designing a project and then not getting the bid or possibly not getting the bid. Secondly, a school district is required to prepare a request for proposal for each design-build contract which is subject to a design-based selection. The amendment adds the following criteria. They're the following conditions that the design-builder must agree to. First, an architect or engineer licensed to practice in Nebraska will participate substantially in those aspects of the offering which involve architectural or engineering services. At the time of the design-build offering, the design-builder will identify the architect or engineer who will perform the work for the design-build project. Third, the architect or engineer will have direct supervision of the work and may not be removed prior to the completion of the project unless the school board gives written consent. Fourth, a design-builder offering design-build services from its own employees who are design professionals licensed to practice in Nebraska will comply with the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act by procuring a certificate of authorization to practice architecture or engineering. And, finally, the rendering of architectural or engineering services will conform to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act. And I would just like to add that there has been an awful lot of work on this bill. It has been introduced prior to this year.