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the amendment and the bill. I would be concerned if there was any way in which this became an impediment to a district doing it. I have personally been involved in several design-build projects and they have occurred in times in...especially in certain places where there was no other way to go forward with a particular construction, and I would emphasize this wasn't always in relation to being in a remote area where it was difficult to get bids. One of these was in the middle of Omaha. Design-build gives some good options and I hope that in no way do we prohibit anybody from doing it. I don't see the amendment doing that, so I support it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Tyson, on AM2694.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a question for Senator Jensen. Do you mind?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Jensen?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I will.

SENATOR TYSON: Senator Jensen, something that wasn't in the original bill and is in both AM2621 and AM2622, and I'm referring to Section 14, and I am wondering about why is the...what is the reason for the inclusion of Section 14, which says that no more than 24 contracts shall be executed under the School Construction Alternatives Act, and then it goes and gives a breakdown of the price ranges. I think that this bill is a good bill and I intend to support it, but I'm just wondering why it should be limited.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Senator, that's a very good question and, yes, we do have a limit of 24 contracts. At the end of those contracts, no more can be issued without the Legislature revisiting this issue. We also took those contracts and we spread them out across the state, so not all of them are going to be applied in one area without the other area. But by doing this we will have, I think at the completion of 24 contracts, we'll have a very good idea whether this is something that we want to continue with. I am confident that we will. But,