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SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have a couple of questions of Senator Jensen. I've been trying to listen to this this morning...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator...

SENATOR ENGEL: ...and a little confused along the way. But when I was on the school board in South Sioux City, we built a new junior high. And our process, at that point in time, we interviewed several architectural firms. We went to where they built schools, we checked the...their work, and we checked the people they worked with. So we felt when we finally hired one that we...we hired one, a reputable architect. Then the architect did all of these things. I mean we...he got the bids from the different contractors and they were...and all of them were approved through a...through the school board, but with their...their advice. And so they carried this project through, and at the end there were some adjustments made here and there, and some cuts made, et cetera, because of budgetary problems. But the thing is, we wound up with a good viable product. And my only question is is, not totally understanding the situation of course, is why do you need two architectural firms to handle a project to build a school or multiple schools?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, it's...it's just a different approach to it. Under...under the design-bid-build, yes, you have an architect who comes up with a...a design. He will also at that time come up with an architect's estimate, then the bidding process takes place, the bids come back, and they...you would hope that they are underneath the architect's estimates, sometimes they're not. If they're not, then the architect either sits down and negotiates with the bidders or he goes back to the design-board and comes up with another approach. You got to realize also, that any time you bid a project that a...a architect has presented, the plans and everything, you build in, whether you want to call it a fudge factor or you...you build in your profit, and then you also build in some things that might not be totally in the plans. However, if they're not, then you come back with a change order and you say, this wasn't in the plan. There's one other thing that we haven't talked about here the last couple of days is the fact that under that approach,