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PRESIDENT: Waive closing....

SENATOR LABEDZ: I move for the adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Alright, motion then is the adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote. We have a problem on the machine and we'll have to vote over on this. Wait till it's cleared and then we'll vote over. We don't have to vote over, it's cleared, so...

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Labeledz's amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. We will proceed then...Senator Keyes, anything further on the amendment, itself, as amended?

SENATOR KEYES: Nothing. That will be the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Okay. So the motion before the House is the adoption of the committee amendment as amended. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the amended committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The committee amendment is adopted. Now we're ready for the bill, and the Chair recognizes Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. The four bills dealing with the executive and legislative control of the capital construction process were introduced in 1969 legislative session. The Government Committee ultimately incorporated into LB 1323 and sent it to the floor where it was easily passed after very little debate. The bill required that a state agency contract with a professional engineer or architect who was not a state employee for all projects costing in excess of fifty thousand dollars. LB 1323 exempted several agencies from their requirement, including the Department of Institutions and Roads. The 1977 Supreme Court decision removed the University and state colleges from the requirements of this law. The state colleges voluntarily comply with this law, and the University adopted a separate policy on February 18th allowing the University staff architects and engineers to handle projects under a