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necessary. In conjunction with and with the assistance of the Government Committee counsel, staff counsel, I made it a point to check with the State Board of Examiners as it pertains to engineering. Now we were able to talk with two of those individuals...the other was unavailable for comment, to discuss our concerns and ask for advice and guidance as to whether or not this amendment and what it seeks to accomplish would be one that, in their opinion, would be necessary. We were advised by the engineers with whom this issue was discussed that the State Board just registers applicants as registered professional engineers. In other words, there is no distinction as to what their particular expertise might be, be it civil, be it chemical, mechanical, et cetera. One of the other individuals who was interviewed advised that if there was a concern, and I think the concern is legitimate, that we could add this provision which I am suggesting and offering to you at the present time, to make this more definitive. Now as it pertains to individuals that presently have that position, and would not have this qualification in civil engineering, it was the opinion of the individual on the State Board of Examiners that that person could petition the Board if this amendment is adopted and through oral or written examination in this particular field qualify under the provision of civil engineering. He also went on to say that he felt that anyone that had the position at the present time was familiar enough with civil engineering that this would not create a hardship or a problem. The individual again that brought this to my attention stated that when we are talking about a civil engineer, we are talking about an individual that should have the qualifications and the experience to deal with the construction of roads, bridges, culverts, things of that type. And when we talk about these kinds of items, we are talking about a tremendous expenditure of dollars for whatever those projects might be. It just seems to me that the prudent and the rational thing would be for us to further define this statute so that we know that the individual that has that responsibility in that particular county has the expertise to qualify either he, or if it were a woman, her, for that particular job. So with that explanation I would ask that the bill be returned and the amendment adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to ask the introducer of this motion, Senator Stoney, a couple of questions if I could. Larry, why is it we chose to define what kind of engineer it is, civil engineer