

in this case, why not a structural engineer? Structural engineers deal with bridge building and those kinds of things, one of the major functions of a county engineer.

SENATOR STONEY: Well, it is my understanding and I could be corrected if any individual has information that is contrary to what I am expressing. It was my understanding with talking with individuals that have familiarity with engineering that civil engineering gives them the qualifications for all those things that I was talking about. Now I don't know whether structure handles road construction as well as bridge, culvert, et cetera.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well a structural engineer would be one who deals with the structural soundness...probably much of the functions as maintaining bridges and those kinds of things. Can I ask you, Larry, the way you view the office of engineer in Lancaster and Douglas Counties, the only two counties affected by this. Would you consider this an administrative post or would you consider this a post that is pretty much a one-man job where specific qualifications are absolutely necessary?

SENATOR STONEY: Well, I think it is a combination, but if we are looking at it strictly as an administrative job, then I think we should remove any qualifications for the individual. But I do think that the individual that has the responsibility, whether he completes...he or she completes the work themselves, they should have the expertise so that they can intelligently discuss these projects or whatever is to be accomplished with those that they supervise.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, do you feel that it is not adequate to be an engineer but you have to be specifically a civil engineer, not a structural engineer but specifically a civil engineer? Is that correct?

SENATOR STONEY: Well, I think from the standpoint of a structural engineer, and perhaps you would care to articulate what those particular items of expertise are. I just don't know. But I thought civil was more encompassing rather than being restrictive if we say a structural engineer, a mechanical engineer, et cetera.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, this is....thank you, Larry. I think we have here a very interesting sort of development of qualifications, and I think that, you know, qualifications are a wonderful thing. We have qualifications right