

guess I would have a question of Senator Peterson and Senator Cullan, I mean Senator Johnson down here. Would either one respond?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, I will try to respond.

SENATOR WAGNER: I guess in all sincerity do you feel, Senator Cullan, that maybe a public hearing would be the thing for this amendment? Do you feel like you have had enough input into it?

SENATOR JOHNSON: I presume it is possible that if you referred it back to the committee for that purpose it could be amended properly to provide for the experience factor that Senator Haberman was talking about, not just an engineer, but one who has capability in the field.

SENATOR WAGNER: Senator Cullan, do you have any comments?

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Wagner, I think you have a very excellent suggestion. I think the long-range future of this decision is an important one and obviously one which has just come up at the last minute and if there is a public hearing I would ask Senator Johnson and myself both to go and to make a presentation on what the requirements of what a professional engineer is and maybe a little background for the committee. I think that is a good suggestion.

SENATOR WAGNER: Well I kind of hate to see the bill go back to committee but on the other hand with this amendment tacked on it, why...I know the amendment is not on it but it is being discussed, Senator Dworak. Well those are basically my comments at this time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I am not in a position to know whether it should go back to committee. Right now my strong feeling is that we are making a mistake without having had further discussion on this. The professional engineers of the state are more knowledgeable than I and I have heard from several of them. If it is not satisfactory to simply delete Section one and two from this bill and send the remainder of LB 109, I would certainly bow to the wishes of the introducer of the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise rather reluctantly to oppose the committee amendment. I think