

made references that, no, there is no construction contract. As I understand, factually, the situation is that they are both correct, that a contract has been signed with the Leo Daly Company. The Leo Daly Company has proposed a design scheme and there is a contract and they will become the design professional. There is no longer a possibility of considering other types of solutions to structural problems if there are structural problems. The design that has been proposed by Daly is one of placing in more columns and undergirding the flooring with beams coming across and the...some things to get part of the load burden of the floor shifted to those columns and those new beams. And it's true that there is no construction contract. After this passes, there will be...the design by the Daly Company will be finalized. It will go out for competitive bids and the bids then will be...it will be open to contractors, general contractors, structural contractors that will actually do the work. There is a difference. It appears that this confusion has come up a number of times here between the work of a design professional who basically draws the plans and a contractor then who will actually do the construction work. And they are both correct. I think what Senator Hall's point was that there are individuals who, for whatever reasons...this proposal has engendered a great deal of discussion within the design community in Omaha, and there are people that understand posttension construction that have looked at what they understand to be the Daly proposal and have questioned whether that is in and of itself the best plan. University officials told me yesterday, yes, this is a done deal and nobody had ever told them that there is questions about whether this design is, in fact, the best design. That's what Senator Hall is talking about that is under contract. We're not talking about the construction itself being under contract. I guess I will use the rest of my time just very briefly to say again I am voting no on 812. I am voting no on the reappropriation of...the readvancement of 812. I am voting no on the passage of 812 with the emergency clause. I am voting no on 812 the rest of the way through because I think any legitimate attempts to deal with this issue of the Pharmacy College in any way other than throwing dollars at it have been rejected and I think there have been some good proposals put forward. You know, the burden is now on the side of those individuals that feel that it is...that every question has been answered and I don't think they have been. We, as a Legislature, have a great ability to ask questions and we think our job is done when we ask questions. The problem is we never check out to see if we're getting