

SENATOR HALL: Thank you very much. Senator Pirsch, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I have two questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, and I think I'll ask them of Senator Lynch if he would yield.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lynch, would you respond, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Lynch, this committee amendment is quite a bit more comprehensive, would you say, than your original bill? Talks about more than...

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, not necessarily. It's an opinion thing.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.

SENATOR LYNCH: It's...I think the combination, the amendment which is, in fact, for the most part LB 5...whatever it was, 68, does provide a number of the things that we've been working for three years to try to accomplish with the 309 Committee,...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...as a result of that, yes, it's probably a little more comprehensive.

SENATOR PIRSCH: One of the things that this does include is to raise the level of cost or value of a property before, first of all, it would come under the scrutiny, right, and they wouldn't require a bond and I think later on there's something about a bid too.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, I'm sorry, go ahead.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, and I just wondered if that was your original intent. Do you think raising from \$15,000 to \$40,000 is appropriate in those cases?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, it's a good question and you're right. But the purpose of that part of this comprehensive amendment was to provide some opportunity and access for small contractors to do