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construction occur or some project occur that has some problems that might have been either alleviated with some input from a licensed engineer. Or perhaps, of course, when a licensed engineer puts their stamp of approval on a design or a construction project they themselves then are assuming some responsibility under their professional liability coverage. If something doesn't turn out as it should then you have, at least the political subdivisions that I've worked with, have certainly another party to look at in terms of trying to correct the problem. So I simply...I raise those thoughts because, even though I think Senator Wehrbein has a reasonable suggestion, it's not necessarily something that should be a slam dunk without thinking about some of the consequences of raising those thresholds. If we raise the threshold then that will become the standard and remodeling or projects that occur below that threshold will not have, in most cases, the supervision or the stamp of approval of a licensed engineer. And I just...I certainly want to point that out. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Chair recognizes Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I listened to Senator Bromm's discussion and I certainly understand why he has raised the issue. I had concerns also about the amount that it should be raised. You know, we could talk about 40 to 60, or 40 to 80, or even 40 to 100, because some discussed that it should be 100,000, almost 100,000, based on the rate of inflation. And, basically, the argument there is that if a project were built for \$40,000 back in 1980...whenever the year was...'79, that today it would probably be around 90-some thousand dollars, the same structure, and it was approved at that time at that rate. Why would it not be up to...supposedly up to, say, 90-some thousand. So I guess any number that you use could be subject to a debate as to whether the number is right and fair because of the...certainly the protection that you want to give the people who have these projects done for them. I had some questions and I visited with Senator Wehrbein about it, whether the number 80 would be a proper number or maybe should be lower. There was another bill in the committee that was at 70,000. So I think here it comes down to whatever you feel comfortable with in the number. I