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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Baker to open on AM0292. (Legislative Journal page 482.)

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. The amendment was brought to us by some people concerned that we...the requirements on the submission of the plat to the Department of Roads for approval was going to be too costly, I guess. And the amendment simply expands upon who can approve...or, who submits this...whose approval is on the submittal of the application for subdivision of a property, and so on. Right now it says, any application for a building permit shall include a plat drawn by a person licensed as a professional engineer or architect under the Engineers and Architects Regulation. We expanded upon that for the developers, so that it read, or registered as a land surveyor as provided in section...so on. So that was to try and hold the cost down on these people that are proposing to subdivide and develop land along a highway corridor. We need to go back just a bit here. These are not all highways. All these are are the highways that have been designated as an approved corridor. And I can't tell you exactly how many miles there are in this state. But we have maps. There are not all that many miles designated as highway corridor. So that's the only jurisdiction that this would apply under, is someone who was going to develop a plot of land next to one of these designated highway corridors. And it simply just makes common sense that these developers notify the Department of Roads and let the Department of Roads evaluate it. And if they know that they're going to be buying right-of-way along this highway corridor, then it puts everyone on notice before it's developed that they can go out and propose to purchase some of the land there, to expand that right-of-way, and obviously, enlarge or improve the highways in that corridor. So it's a commonsense bill. I don't think there was anyone testified against it. There was not...we did amend it with that wording, as I said, to allow a registered land surveyor to sign off on the plat that's submitted to DOR, Department of Roads. And I would ask for the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. We're discussing AM0292 to LB 187. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek waives off.