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SENATOR KELLY: That answer says that those plans are approved by the Fire Marshall's office.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The original plans, yes.

SENATOR KELLY: Public money is expended on these, and architect is not going to pay any contractor until those all of those specifications are met. That is a pretty tough inspection, and the contracting industry knows how tough this inspection is. Do you want to add another inspection too the ones that are already going on?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes I do because we currently have those in other areas and Mr. Chairman, I don't know if it is legal for me to ass a question which might clear up his question.

PRESIDENT: We have done everything else this morning, go ahead.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I appreciate that.

PRESIDENT: Including me speaking in the negative.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: You see Senator Kelly we are already doing this in cities. Are you suggesting that the city not be involved in inspection? You see we not only inspect for electrical, but we inspect for compliance with footing with thickness of cement, with the whole process. Of course it is easy to save money if you do not have a independent inspection. We even inspect with independent inspections our roads even though there may be an architect or contractor or everyone. You have to have an independent inspection. It is like an independent audit. I would suggest to you that if you are saying that we ought to eliminate the city inspection of buildings, because they have an architect on the job, I don't believe that you believe that.

SENATOR KELLY: You will find that those inspections go concurrently and that there is definitely a duplication in one or the other inspections, it is merely a matter of paper work and the one that will count is the one that is done by the architect who is the direct representative of the payer, which is the people.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The one that counts in my city is the one that allows them the occupancy permit and that has to be done by our city. If they have a shoddy workmanship on the electrical wiring or if there is shoddy workmanship on anything, they don't get to occupy that building. That isn't existing anywhere else. I know that there are a number of conflicts here and I'm not suggesting that this bill is great Senator Kelly, but I am saying that we need to do something in those areas or we are going to have to live with it.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would rise in defense of the gentlemen from the REA who may have over looked our legislative procedure it seems to me that it was my friend Mr. Lewis the other day who was off and running and had a 15 yard start on a speech relative to a resolution that wasn't his own. I also would support the contention that anyone who has been in the contracting business will trade an architects inspection for any inspector that you may have. I would inquire as to how much we are going