

SENATOR STAHLER: I think that in the future it would call for an analysis of any one given time be it 6 months or a year from now, if company X is low, what is their status at that time and what might the effect of accepting that bid at that time have in other words are we or are we not at any one given time painting ourselves into a corner.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Well is your position then that the 49 members of this legislature can are better able to make the technical decision than a somebody that is dealing with it.

SENATOR STAHLER: I don't think that we are necessarily going to make the decision. We can either concur in it or get our own testimony which we may or may not accept.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Well don't we do that anyway.

SENATOR STAHLER: We wouldn't necessarily have that opportunity if this amendment isn't adopted.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Well don't we have to approve the appropriations anyway.

SENATOR STAHLER: Well we are approving the appropriations to line items of budget to various agencies, but we don't in this instance there wouldn't be an approval of the equipment itself before the bid was taken.

SENATOR FELLMAN: But after the bid was taken and before the money is spend, don't we have the right to approve or disapprove?

SENATOR STAHLER: If we are in session we do.

SENATOR FELLMAN: If we are not in session.

SENATOR STAHLER: Then they can do whatever they wish.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Without any regard to....we would have had to have budgeted the item in advance then.

SENATOR STAHLER: That is right, but you can't budget an item before you take the bid.

SENATOR FELLMAN: But we have then before we budget the item we will have had the bid in front of us.

SENATOR STAHLER: No, not necessarily.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Then we are just spending that right in the past we have written a blank check to cover a year from now?

SENATOR STAHLER: When we vote money for instance for cars we don't say that you have to buy Plymouths, or you have to buy Motorola radios.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Well that gets back to an earlier question. Are we really trying to say that we can only buy IBM or Honeywell, or 3M?

SENATOR STAHLER: I certainly don't feel that and I doubt that Senator Carpenter does. I think that Senator Carpenter if he wanted that wouldn't have offered such an.....

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