

hundred thousand dollars. Given the inflation experience by the construction industry over the past decade, a fifty thousand project in 1969 now costs over a hundred thousand dollars. State tax dollars are now required to hire architects and engineers for relatively minor projects which could and should be handled by state employed architects and engineers. Several kinds of projects which often exceed fifty thousand dollars in costs, but should be handled by in-house agency staff include standard metal buildings, repair and remodeling projects and major maintenance and repairs of buildings, such as projects under the auspices of LB 309 task force, especially I believe the roofing projects. The 1969 Legislature never intended that consulting architects and engineers be hired for these projects. Thus, LB 38 merely restores the '69 status quo by accounting for inflation. I move for the advancement of LB 38 to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit moves to amend LB 38: on Page 2 strike beginning with the comma in Line 9 through the underscored comma in Line 16, show the old matter as stricken, and insert the following language: "when the total project cost is one hundred thousand dollars or more, and no state agency shall employ its own work force for any such construction, reconstruction, or alteration of capital facilities when the total project cost is fifty thousand dollars or more; except". That amendment is offered by Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I move the adoption of the amendment. The purpose of the amendment is to limit to fifty thousand dollars the work that any state agency can do with its own work force. The purpose of the amendment is because it's been proven many times that it is not economical for agencies to maintain a work force in competition first of all with private industry and secondly, because they have a work force on hand, they're cut scrounging up jobs and that sort of thing, and many times they're doing things that we would not approve of. So, if we can limit the amount of their projects to less than fifty thousand dollars, I would go along with LB 38.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, did you wish to speak to the amendment?