

I just want to know how...how we're going to bid on forty thousand dollars if we don't have a way of knowing.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Keyes, in your school system, which is District 46, referred to ofentimes as Platteview Springfield, they have an engineering firm that they use on occasion, and that firm I'm sure would be happy to give them the estimate, and if the estimate is forty thousand or more then the board would have to go to bid on the item.

SENATOR KEYES: And then that firm that takes care of that will charge them for that bid.

SENATOR KOCH: Well the firm always charges for hours of consultant fees. When I was on the City Council, we had engineering firms that we had permanently on hand. We had others for consulting, and we paid them an hourly fee on the basis of work they did for the City Council, and this is rather common procedure.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any other discussion on the Committee amendments? The motion is the adoption of the Committee amendments to LB 130. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Voting on the Committee amendments to LB 130. Have you all voted? Clerk record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now the Chair recognizes Senator Koch for the purpose of advancement of the bill.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I think that the question Senator Keyes asked me was appropriate, and through that discussion I'm certain that the members of the body are aware of what the intent of the bill is. It merely states very simply that when a Board of Education is engaged in the business of some kind of a transaction which the estimate is going to be forty thousand dollars or more, they're going to advertise go to bid. If after they go to bid, they do not receive ample interest, then the board is free to negotiate beyond that point, but this is rather common procedure for other subdivisions, and Mr. Speaker, with that I move that LB 130 as amended be advanced to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is advance LB 130 as amended. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Voting on the advancement of the bill. Clerk record the vote.