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Marsh, do you know what degree the County Engineer in Lancaster County has? Senator Warner...Senator Warner, do you happen to know what kind of degree the County Engineer in Lancaster County has? PhD. Is that it?

SENATOR WARNER: No, off the top of my head I don't know, but I would presume that he was a Civil Engineer because he certainly was State Engineer for many years and I would imagine, or an Engineer with the State Highway Department for many years and I would suspect he is a Civil Engineer.

SENATOR NEWELL: Jerry, could you keep on the mike for a moment? Do all the engineers...is it a qualification to be an engineer with the State Highway Department, to be a civil engineer, or can you be a structural engineer, a highway engineer, or various....

SENATOR WARNER: All I recall....oh, you mean to be an engineer down below?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, just what kind of engineers do we hire in our State Highway Department?

SENATOR WARNER: I cannot answer your question specifically. I don't know.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, I don't know if we have enough answers to really define this at this time. I would like to maybe get some answers and maybe what we ought to do is bring this bill back to Select File before we adopt the amendment and try to find out just what kind of engineers we need, be they civil or structural or highway or merchant marine. Maybe Sam Cullan would like to have a job. I don't know whether we should narrow it to those kinds of things, but I would like to urge the body to think about this for a moment. I think I will withdraw the amendment at this time and then offer the amendment a little later after I get a better idea of what kind of engineers we have around, and either try to fit the amendment to what engineers we have the most of or try to specify it more clearly so that only a few people can run for public office in Nebraska.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you withdraw your amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I would like to withdraw this amendment at this time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, hearing no objection, so ordered.