

because of a lack of compromise between surveyors and engineers. But hard-headed negotiators have prevailed, and the committee amendment secures the agreement of all parties. What it does is to indicate that in Douglas County, in essence, there will be an appointed full-time county surveyor under the county engineer. Historically we've always called this office the county surveyor. In the larger counties the tasks that they do are engineering tasks. The list of duties that they do is far more that of an engineer than of a surveyor, and this bill, 512, recognizes that fact. It remains the obligation to be aware of and to conduct surveys. So this amendment secures the positions of those who are now in the office, up in Douglas County, to stay there, and indicates that there will be an appointed full-time county surveyor, under the county engineer, in counties of 150,000 or more. This was, I believe, the negotiated agreement by the surveyors that then brought them in line with supporting LB 512. I move for the adoption of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the committee amendment?
Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Just a question, and maybe Senator Chizek could answer this more. This applies only to the...to Douglas County and...is that correct?

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well it's counties of 150,000 inhabitants or more.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Uh huh. And what is our present circumstance? Do we now...does the surveyor now, that we call him, hire another surveyor? I don't understand that.

SENATOR CHIZEK: No, he's called a county surveyor. What he does is...the reason for this is because the duties encompass, in Douglas County, substantially more than they have in the past in terms of engineering bridges, et cetera, those kinds of things.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So does...I guess my question is, does this open up another position? Does this mandate another position in Douglas County?

SENATOR CHIZEK: No, I think they have some, Senator Pirsch, now. No, it...