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PRESIDENT: We'll consider LB1031.

CLERK: Read title.

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PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: With your permission Senator Carpenter, I am concerned here in regard to architects and architectural fees, engineers and such as that. I'm going to merely ask this question of the Legislature and especially Senator Carpenter because I do feel as though an amendment may be prepared for this bill. I think we're getting into the position here where maybe we can use the state architect and this particular office might save us a tremendous amount of money and probably will be a tremendous amount of criticism because I don't know how many architectural firms we have to do competitive bidding in regard to this thing, but I do happen to know from personal experience that the state of Kansas has had a state architect's office for a great number of years and that state architect is unbiased and does tremendous amount of work using consultants. The savings to that particular state are just tremendous.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: He can go ahead and answer.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Let me answer your question only in part. I'm sure that we who are members of the other committee of a similar nature found out there's absolutely no competition between architects. There's no way in which you can get two architects of different firms to even set down in the same room and talk about anything. To that extent it is a highly uncompetitive operation. What Senator Duis says may or may not be right, I'm not familiar with it. I would presume at the time we discuss the bill he can bring up that objective at that time. I don't know if he's talking about a state architect doing what an architectural firm ordinarily does or he wants to use them as an advisory capacity to this committee in the area of better understanding those things that probably we're not too qualified to judge. I think if we got into what he's talking about now in this bill, we get into a highly controversial nature which might preclude us from doing anything. But, I'll leave that to his judgment.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you Senator Carpenter. I don't in any way want to impede the progress of this bill. I do know that we've involved in this particular construction project of the state office building and I also am on a committee that has been studying this that we do have a tremendous architect's fee concerned here and I'm looking for a way