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The Committee on Business and Labor met at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015, in Room 2102 of the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on gubernatorial appointments. Senators present: Burke Harr, Chairperson; Dave Bloomfield, Vice Chairperson; Ernie Chambers; Sue Crawford; and John McCollister. Senators absent: Laura Ebke; and Jerry Johnson.

SENATOR HARR: And we're ready to begin this, the final session of Business and Labor for this year. Today we're doing Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board confirmation hearings. And I believe all three are here. Steven Bley? All right, excellent. Robert Kirkpatrick? Excellent. And Thomas Phipps? Wonderful, all right. Well, we will I think be pretty casual today. If we want to just start with, Steve, do you want to come up first, Mr. Bley. Is it Bley? All right, just come on up, take a seat, introduce yourself, spell your last name for the record, tell us a little bit about yourself, how you got interested in this. And then we'll see if we have any questions.

[CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: (Exhibit 1) Okay. My name is Steven Bley, B-l-e-y, mechanical engineer by education. I've been licensed in the state of Nebraska for 7 years, employed by the Omaha Public Power District for the last 12 years, and have been involved with all aspects of operation, maintenance, and testing of boilers and through that became acquainted with the board and was asked to take a seat on it. And I've served the last term. The last four years I was on that board.

[CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: And it's a four-year term? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: It's a four-year term. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: And you're up for reappointment. [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: Um-hum. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Are there term limits? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: I don't think there's term limits. [CONFIRMATION]

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SENATOR HARR: Good. Anyone have any other questions? I'll start with one. Just for the benefit of the committee members, what is your primary problem...what is the primary problem we're trying to prevent with boiler inspections? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: It's primarily a public safety issue. There's a lot of boilers tucked away in little closets here and there, public schools, public buildings all over the place. And we need to ensure that they're maintained and inspected properly so that there's not an explosion. That's the primary goal. I would say, you know, boilers are kind of an old technology, and so people are somewhat complacent about their operation. And it's getting to be where there's not as many people who are technically familiar with the operation of boilers. So that makes the board's role that much more important. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: And how often does the advisory board meet? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: We meet annually. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Annually. [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: Annually at a minimum. If there are other issues that come up interim, we'll have a special meeting. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Excellent. Senator Bloomfield. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: Thank you. Is there a registration somewhere in the state of all the boilers in the state? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: Yes. There is a...all boilers are required to be registered with the state chief boiler inspector. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: And just for my own edification, where would the smallest boilers be? It's just not...you're right, it's something we don't think of. [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: Right. Well, like a hot water heater in your house could even be considered a boiler. And there's rules for which ones have to be inspected. If they become a certain size limit, then they're required to be registered and inspected. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: Okay. Thank you. [CONFIRMATION]

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SENATOR HARR: Senator McCollister. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How often are boilers supposed to be examined? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: It's typically an annual external inspection, and then three to four years on an internal inspection where they have to be drained and looked at on the inside. And it varies on the rating of the boiler. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Don't...when you've got a boiler that's of a certain size, don't the insurance companies want to see it inspected as well? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: Yes, and typically the insurance company is very involved with the process. So like I represent...we have a lot of utility boilers and the insurance company actually does the inspection. And then they send their report to the state. And in the case of smaller boilers, a lot of times the state will inspect them on their own and the insurance company may or may not be involved. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: If an insurance company initiates a boiler inspection, you'll accept their results carte blanche? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: Yes. Well, they have to meet, you know, national board credentials that they're qualified to do the inspection. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Do they typically subcontract out the inspections to somebody else? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: No, the... [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Or is that something they do in house? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: The insurance companies typically have people employed who are qualified to do that. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Okay. What's an inspection cost? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: It's not much. I think it's something like \$30. [CONFIRMATION]

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SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Pretty modest. [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: Yeah. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: So does the state have a...other than the function you serve, does the state have any such thing as boiler inspector? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: Yes, there's a chief boiler inspector, and he has...I can't remember if it's one or two deputies that perform that duty. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: So they go out as well. And do they replicate the efforts of the insurance company or the...? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: No, I would say they serve the same function, but they don't duplicate efforts unless there's reason for one to question the other. But I don't think that's normal. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: So does the state then keep a record of the boilers that are inspected? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: Yes, the state has a record of all boilers and their last inspection. That's probably one of the primary duties of that office. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: And so the insurance companies, after they do an inspection, they'll notify the state. [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: Yeah. They'll send the paperwork, notice of inspection to the state. And then the state will issue a certificate of inspection. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: And when is the last time we had a boiler explosion that...? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: There was one...I can't remember if it was two, three, four years ago, in recent history. It was a packing...a food processing plant in Lincoln that had a high-pressure vessel used for pasteurization, and it came apart, caused some significant damage. [CONFIRMATION]

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SENATOR McCOLLISTER: How did that escape inspection? Was it just one of those accidents, accidents that occur once in awhile? [CONFIRMATION]

STEVEN BLEY: I think so. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Okay, okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Good questions. Thank you. Any other questions? Seeing none, thank you for your time. Appreciate it. Next up, Mr. Kirkpatrick. We've got a whole nother list of questions for you. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: (Exhibit 1) My name is Robert Kirkpatrick; it's K-i-r-k-p-a-t-r-i-c-k. I've been in the boiler business over 45 years: 30 years in Nebraska, 15 years in Iowa. I have 30 years here as a quality manager plus a supervisor. I've been around the boilers. I've built them from the ground up. All I want is to make sure they're safe. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Great. And how long have you been on the Boiler Safety Code Advisory...? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: This is my third term. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Third term. So no term limits. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: No. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Excellent. Is there anything you think we should know, any legislation you think we should be aware of or that we should be thinking about to make boilers safer? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Just maintaining the safety and the inspections of the boilers in the state of Nebraska to ensure that they are safe. Also, if some of the old traction engines that are out there, they are just as dangerous as anything. I would like to see it a little more...inspection on the...actually the older units for the traction repair part. But in general, it just needs to be, you know, just like they're supposed to be inspected. They're supposed to be turned in to the state. The state has a number. They're supposed to have a certificate. I know it's awful hard. I know there's a lot of them in the state of Nebraska. I used to know how many, like 5,000, probably even some of the smaller ones, so. [CONFIRMATION]

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SENATOR HARR: Are we largely relying on the insurance companies then to do the inspections? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Pardon me? [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Are we largely relying on insurance companies to do the inspections? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: I think, yes, we are. Besides the two deputies plus the chief boiler inspector, I also know that they do get Damarc--I think it's out of Minnesota--to come down, and they're qualified to do inspections on the units and then turn it in for the state. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Have you seen many changes in the code since you've joined? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Yes, quite a bit. I mean there's maybe small ones for the safeties, the low-water cutouts, all the devices that makes the burner work, because them devices have to be making sure that they're up to date, no mercury. You know, it goes way back to where it's a safety factor, even with the operators and to make sure that the operators are trained. I know there's some of the places that do not have operators. It's not mandatory in the state of Nebraska. But the inspection agencies need to go make sure that these units are safe. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Great. And where are you from, Mr. Kirkpatrick? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: I'm originally from...? [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Yep. Where do you live now, I should ask? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: I've worked for Cleaver-Brooks on 70th and Cornhusker for 30 years. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Okay. Here in Lincoln, excellent. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Yes. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Any other questions? Senator Bloomfield. [CONFIRMATION]

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SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: Thank you. When you say traction units, my mind instantly goes to locomotives and old steam-powered tractors. Is that what you're talking about?  
[CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Yes, yes. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: And each one of those that an antique collector may have is registered with the state, you inspect them? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: That I'm not sure. They...I think the state has the regulation that they go out and be inspected. Now I know they did away with this partially on that. But my concern is the old threshers around because I've been to quite a few of them. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: Okay. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: So that's my main concern. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: Okay. Thank you. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Senator McCollister. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Yeah. How would you define a furnace versus a boiler?  
[CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: A furnace depends on the BTUs, the volume of the furnace, the pressure of that. So I mean that would determine on whether it's going to be licensed for the state. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: And based on pressures too? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Pressure, too, yes. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Okay. Dual-fired boilers, you know, at our old business we had a unit that ran on gas and also on diesel. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Yes. [CONFIRMATION]

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SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Is that fairly common? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Not so much now in the industry. What you see is basically they used to be numbered gas, and number two or number six oil. And the gas company would have you shut it down in the wintertime if they was getting short. Then you've to fire on number two or number six oil. I don't see that, that much, for what industry we deal with to be honest with you. I think a lot of people are burning their own by-products in bigger units, not just in Nebraska here. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Do you see any inherent difficulties with those units that either burn biodiesel or using cooking oil or anything? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Not as long as they've been maintained and you're making sure your oil guns, or what the guns are, are cleaned, making sure there's no water in your oil, just general maintenance of the units. My old saying is what's been around so many years, it's just like taking care of your car: you change the oil, you keep it up, and you're not going to have a problem with it. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Yeah. How about...as a part of your work, do you do air emissions studies? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Yes. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: So... [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: EPA, yes. We do parts per millions and that stuff and R units and that stuff. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Do the insurance companies do that as well because I don't recall them doing it? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: The best of my knowledge, no. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: So it's only the state? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Yes. To my knowledge, yes. [CONFIRMATION]



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SENATOR McCOLLISTER: And I think you told me that the insurance companies handle the big boilers. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Most of the insurance companies, yes, like Hartford, Cincinnati, Zurich. And I know the state deputies and the state boiler inspector does too. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Do you find many instances where the boiler is out of compliance for air emission? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: I have not heard of that much around here and around the state of Nebraska, but we have over east (inaudible)...but my main concern is, I mean, all around the world for what our business does. But I mean for the Safety Advisory Board (inaudible), I don't think they have that much problem with the emissions. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Well, probably not, because most of the boilers now exclusively run gas rather than... [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Mainly gas or propane. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Yeah. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Believe it or not, there's quite a few out there that runs propane on there. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Okay. Well, thanks. And that's for coming in. Thanks, Mr. Chairman. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Thank you. Senator Chambers. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If an old house, older than I am, is heated by radiators, would that qualify as a boiler system? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: As a boiler? Yes. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the state doesn't license that, does it? [CONFIRMATION]

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ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: It all depends on what size it is, to my knowledge, on that.  
[CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: I mean, on some of the old houses and that stuff, yeah, they have what they call a boiler. Now the people that install that have to have a...get a permit if it's a certain size to go ahead and install that. And they need to be checked out just like anything else.  
[CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: About how often? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: About yearly. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh. And what about the radiators themselves, do they have to be bled or anything, or that doesn't matter? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: My opinion, yes, they should. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How often? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: I would say actually...maybe you can have a little petcocks and that stuff. I would actually say twice a year myself on there just to make sure. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And if you don't do that, what will happen? Will it blow up?  
[CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: I would think they would be rusting up. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, they don't blow up. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: I don't know...if they got any softener in your system or whatever, but the scale would eventually get...it would just like taking a boiler, as we considered it, and blowing it down for getting the sludge out of the bottom, what they call a mud drum.  
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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: So basically you're trying to get rid of the sedative and everything but still have chemicals in there to keep your water clean and everything, but you still get sediment. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if you want somebody to clean that system, just look in the yellow pages? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: I would say yes. For somebody that has the experience on the...for doing that type, yes. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Just tell them you have registers and things like that that you want to be clean. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Thank you. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: There are still houses standing, Senator, that are older than you? [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Oh, yeah. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh. Made out of logs and they have bats and (inaudible) straw and things. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: There's quite a few, believe it or not. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There are; there are more than I thought. [CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: There is, just like a lot of your dry cleaners and that stuff have still boilers that the old Nebraska Boiler made down at Barry's Bar and Grill downtown and that, so. [CONFIRMATION]

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SENATOR HARR: Well, excellent. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: We didn't have too many of that after we made that boiler.  
[CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: (Laugh) Well, thank you, Mr. Kirkpatrick. I appreciate your time.  
[CONFIRMATION]

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK: Well, thank you for having me. Appreciate it. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Thank you. And finally, Mr. Phipps. Welcome to your Business and Labor  
Committee. Introduce yourself. [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: Thomas E. Phipps, P-h-i-p-p-s. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: And can you tell us a little bit about yourself, how you got involved with  
this, how long you've served. [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: (Exhibit 1) I've been on the...I'm applying for my second term to the board.  
My background is, about 1973 I started as a helper in a boiler plant in Omaha. I later received a  
operator's license. And after that, I became a pipe fitter. And then I finally went to work for the  
city of Omaha as an inspector. So I can say I operated them, installed them, and now I just look  
at them. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Excellent, for about 40 years. [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: Yeah, 40-plus, yeah. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Getting close to a career, yeah. Excellent. Is there any--I guess I'll go back to  
the earlier question--anything you think we should be aware of, any changes you think need to be  
made in the law? [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: I believe that the law, the way it is written today, is...achieves the goals that  
it should. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Excellent. [CONFIRMATION]

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THOMAS PHIPPS: And it's not as to say in the future, if technology changes, that we may have to adjust the law slightly. But the program which...the law and the program the way it is today, it's running excellently I believe. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Excellent. And with that, I'll see if anyone has...Senator Bloomfield. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: Mr. Phipps, I live out in the boondocks I guess you'd call it. And there are a lot of folks putting in outside wood-fired furnaces that will take a five-, six-foot log, and then they're heating the house with water that's heated by that. Is that considered a boiler setup? [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: That would be considered a boiler setup using solid fuel. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: And then is it going to require a state inspection if it's privately owned? [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: If it's...not really, not the original inspection, depends on the size of the square footage of the heating surface of it. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: Okay. [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: It would probably need an initial inspection from the state, but then because it is in a residence, it may not be. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: Okay. Thank... [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: If this was done in the city of Omaha, per se, it would need initial inspection. But after that it would just need its maintenance and care from an outside vendor. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: Okay. Thank you. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Senator McCollister. [CONFIRMATION]

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SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Yeah. How often do you meet during the year?  
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THOMAS PHIPPS: We meet every December of every year. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: So it's just one time a year? [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: One time a year, or if we need...if there's something that needs to come in front of the Legislature that the state chief has...wants to change within the legislation, then we will probably meet twice a year. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: So what's a typical agenda look like at your meeting?  
[CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: It's...you start out with electing a new chair. Every year we elect a new chair. That's our first order of business. The state chief presents any items or changes that he wishes to present or to change within the statute. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: To the standard? [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: To the standard, and to any operational situations that he handles within his department, he'll bring that to us. And we'll vote if we accept or reject. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: How many members on the committee? [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: Seven. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Seven. And are you represented geographically?  
[CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: We are represented by trade. We are represented by myself; I am a public safety. We have an at-large person, a person representing the industry, like Mr. Kirkpatrick, someone, like a user, like Mr. Bley who will represent the user. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Oh, I see. [CONFIRMATION]

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THOMAS PHIPPS: And then we have seller or an installer of boilers. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Who typically initiates changes to the standard?  
[CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: It's usually set up by the chief boiler inspector of the state of Nebraska, or it could be by an outside source. But mostly it's the chief inspector. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: Okay. Thanks very much for coming. Thanks, Mr. Chairman.  
[CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Thank you. Appreciate the questions. Any other questions? Senator Crawford. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CRAWFORD: Thank you. So does the board play a role in deciding who is qualified to offer the inspections, or if there...it's mostly just that there are changes in that, that are recommended, that you would provide input on? [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: It's just changes basic to the standard and...are you talking about acceptance of an outside source or a person who does boiler inspections, ma'am? [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CRAWFORD: Either one, either one. [CONFIRMATION]

THOMAS PHIPPS: We would just do changes to the statute and to the operational ordinance. The inspectors, every inspector who does boiler inspections in the state of Nebraska has to carry what they call a national board commission and either works as an authorized inspector for an insurance company or an agency, or they work for a jurisdiction like myself.  
[CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR CRAWFORD: Thank you. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR HARR: Excellent. Seeing no other questions, thank you. Next up what we'll do is we'll meet, and I assume you guys will be approved. And then you go out on the floor, and it's anyone's game there. But I don't think you guys will have any problems. And then we'll let you know, all right. Thank you for coming down. Thanks for taking the time. Appreciate you answering the questions and for the information. [CONFIRMATION]