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arbitration. I yield the rest of my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I will now begin to complete my statement. First of all, I have to explain again what a state constitution is. A state constitution restricts the power of the Legislature. Anything not prohibited by the state constitution the Legislature can do. This provision that Senator La' is is talking about is not a grant of authority to us. The constitution does not grant us authority, it's a restriction. What this provision that Senator Landis is offering does is to remove a protection that the citizens have without it. Without this provision, under the Nebraska Constitution, you cannot have the types of binding arbitration agreements that Senator Landis is talking about. So when you enact this, what you do is take away a protection that citizens have under the constitution right now. I'm going to ask Senator Landis a question. I want to see if he's going to dance or shuffle.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Landis, isn't it true that under the constitution, as it exists now, the Legislature cannot enact a binding arbitration agreement of the kind envisioned in this amendment and have it withstand judicial scrutiny?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: That's correct. The Legislature does not have the power. We just learned that in 1987 when we passed that kind of a law and it was ruled unconstitutional. That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And isn't...

SENATOR LANDIS: By the way, I hope that's a good model for answering a question correctly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Isn't it true...we're not through. Isn't it true that the reason the court ruled in the way that it did is because the constitution, as it exists right now, has restricted the Legislature from enacting such a proposition?