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Journal pages 1052-1056.)

Mr. President, Senator Preister would move to amend, AM3189.  
(Legislative Journal page 1039.)

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Preister, you're recognized to open.

**SENATOR PREISTER:** Thank you, Honorable President. Members of the body, I'd like to start my opening with some questions of some of the committee Chairs. Senator Wehrbein, if I could ask you, as the Chair of the Appropriations Committee, a question?

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** Yes.

**SENATOR PREISTER:** Senator Wehrbein, this amendment deals with private service contracts. Do you know how much money the state of Nebraska is currently expending on private service contracts?

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** I do not, not on the tip of my tongue, no.

**SENATOR PREISTER:** Okay. Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. That question was not intended to stump you. It would be one that would be difficult to do. Senator Jensen, as the Chair of the Health and Human Service Committee, could I ask you, do you know how much money the state of Nebraska is spending on private service contracts?

**SENATOR JENSEN:** No, I do not.

**SENATOR PREISTER:** Thank you, Senator Jensen, and, likewise, that was not intended to stump you. I didn't expect that you would know. If I could ask Senator Wickersham, the Chair of the Revenue Committee, and, Senator Wickersham, if I could ask you that question, as the Chair of the Revenue Committee, could you tell me how much money the state of Nebraska spends on private service contracts?

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** I don't know that number. It would depend on how you define private service contracts. In some sense, we have a private service, members of the Legislature have a