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constitutional offices, then you're implying that the Legislature has authority to mandate this whistle-blower act.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, I'm indicating that by a voluntary choice those constitutional offices have done such. They haven't been mandated by the Legislature to do it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, if "agency" includes any other governmental unit of the state of Nebraska, then by the statutory language they're included. Are they not?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One would assume so, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, the reason this is confusing, I mean,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It's very confusing.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...not confusing just to you and I,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...it's confusing to everybody, because the report that came out of the Research Office on this particular topic started out with we're not sure whether the whistle-blower act covers the constitutional offices.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Exactly.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And let me...let me just go on to indicate why I'm bringing this up. There is a bill that is also in the Government Committee right now, and I hope they'll bring it out for you, but basically it indicates...it's a change to the constitution which indicates that the Legislature...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...would have authority to, for example, be sure that the whistle-blower act applies to the personnel policies of the constitutional offices. Right now, that's not even clear. We could make it clear if we had the other bill