

Okay, we are going to go to that bill. Tomorrow we go to General File and my understanding is this bill will not be on the agenda for a couple of reasons. Number one, we hit the four hour mark, which we are beginning to hit that process somewhat, but I believe Senator Day will be gone tomorrow, so we will not have this bill on the agenda tomorrow. So it is going to be probably next week when we get to this bill, and we are going to be in the same position we are now, no further along, and at some point, the body has to say, we like what you are doing, Senator Day, we like the concept, but there are some things that have got to be worked out. Timeout here, it is time for us to take our prerogative as a body.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President. members of the Legislature, since we are kind of looking at issues in addition to the...what I refer to as the WPM, I am going to read from an article because some of you all may not realize that I was telling the truth in the comments I made about this consultant. I am reading from the Lincoln Journal, page 12, March 3rd, 1995, and the headline, State Health Director didn't know why this agency had fired consultant. And because you all may stop listening before I get to that point, his wife, the part of the agency that she deals with is child support collection. Yeah, that incompetent running the agency, that aspect, hired a consultant who was incompetent, and now they bring us a bill and the Governor maneuvers it out of committee, and if you pass it, do you know what they are going to say at DSS? What they told us, Senator Wehrbein, they don't have the staff, they don't have the expertise to do these things, they need these consultants, and you all are going to give it to them. So I don't want to hear you all, when that budget bill comes out here, whining about we don't have money for this because that budget bill is going to take a long time because I was shocked to see that they put that Maximus money as a part of their budget. Talk about not counting your chickens before they hatch, you all don't even have a chicken coop. Money that doesn't exist and you got an Appropriations Committee Chairman who counts that as money. I am shocked. I am amazed. I am even surprised. Anyway, the article says, Dr. Mark Horton, Director of the State Health Department on Saturday denied knowing that a consultant he hired for about \$245 an hour had been fired by another state agency less than six years ago. Regardless of the news, Horton said he