

who kept the monies? Social Services kept the money. We didn't even give the money back to the mother who it was owed the mother when she had the child in her custody. That's the process that we've had. And what did we do with the money? Oh, we did good things. We put it in other areas of Social Services, but they didn't have to come to the Legislature and ask for any money, we took it from the mother. That's what we did, and that bill...that situation will be rectified on LB 524 that is sitting on Final Reading, after the budget goes into effect. So there are a lot of things that we need to deal with on all issues.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Senator Chambers, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I am still smarting about these consultants, and I am going to continue to do so. The more of these articles that I read, it seems like we have, at least in the executive branch, agencies populated by nincompoops, idiots, and fools. They don't know how to do anything, and Becker, the Governor's top man, doesn't even know how many consultant contracts they've got. So here a guy can get a contract for a quarter of a million dollars after having had one for almost a quarter of a million dollars working for this guy's wife, and he got fired over there. They don't know what he did over there at DSS except it wasn't satisfactory, and the Governor said it wouldn't be right to tell why he was fired. He comes over here to the Health Department, and the Health Department employees do the work. They make the recommendations and he gets \$200 an hour plus \$17 for expenses that can raise his hourly rate to \$245 an hour, for doing that which nobody knows what it was. And this is the Governor who is going to streamline government. He has got a governmental army of consultants and doesn't even know how many there are, where they are, or what they are doing. He didn't even know how they got their contracts. Somebody's wife says, well, I like this guy. Boy, you ought to see how he dresses. I think he'd be a good consultant over here, so the hubby says, all right, dear, and gives him a quarter of a million dollar contract. But here's how they did it, Senator Wehrbein. They did it with a series of contracts. Just before one terminated, they gave him another one, and the Appropriations Committee is going to go for all of that. I see where DAS is coming over here for a deficit appropriation this afternoon. I am going to have the chance to talk about this some more, and I am going to talk about it and talk about and