

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robinson, are you finished?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker and members, once in a while we choose a certain bill for our priority bill for different reasons. I have been here, this is my fifth year, other years I've chosen bills due to maybe for individual ideas, maybe for a certain community, maybe for different reasons but this year I wanted to pick a bill that would be for all of Nebraska. LB 530 deals with Nebraskans. It brings in accountability to the system, not that we don't have some accountability now. I'm not running down any particular agency, I'm just saying that we need accountability to the system. About 20 years ago, a good friend of mine, Dr. Lou Ninegar, put a bill in for the 309 Committee. The 309 Committee was structured to help not to destroy our buildings owned by the State of Nebraska. We need maintenance. Dr. Ninegar saw that the buildings do need to be kept up. They need to be kept up accordingly. The money has not followed along with the inflation rates. The dollars are not there. We need accountability to the system. We did try to put safeguards into this bill. LB 530 addresses different agencies. It does put it under one roof, so to speak. It puts maintenance under one roof. There are safeguards and the Game and Parks did come to us and they had a concern. And so the Game and Parks essentially brought this amendment to us and I guess we agreed to this amendment, and I would like to read it to you. To provide maintenance repairs, custodial duties, security and for all buildings and grounds owned or leased by the State of Nebraska. Now here's the important part of it. Unless the buildings and grounds are specifically exempted by the division because the provision of such services would result in ineligibility for federal funding. So if they're going to receive federal funding, or would result in hardship, we all know what hardship means, hardship on an agency, board or commission due to other exceptional or unusual circumstances. So the word "exceptions" is in there. The word "unusual" is in there, and circumstances is in there. So, I think, those concerns, I hope those concerns are adequately addressed, and if they're not, on Select File we can go back and say, hey, that doesn't cover all of our...our worries, so to speak, so we will take it from there. We need to run this like a business. Many, many times I get addressed to me the state does not run