

this instance, I would have to lead the way for the deficit appropriation because I know, if you all don't, that there is not enough knowledge in that department to carry out the requirements of this bill. Five hundred thousand dollars is a modest amount based on what consultants know they can charge the pinheads who operate and negotiate for the State of Nebraska on these so-called consultant contracts. They run in here, like Maximus, give 15 percent, so they let the Governor argue them down to 12-1/2 percent, which is exorbitant. Why shouldn't people, like this Petrie fellow, come in here and get all that money from the state? One of those fellows in show business or the circus said a sucker is born every minute, P.T. Barnum, and then his brother, Bailey, said, and when you find that sucker, bump his head, and that's what they are doing to the departments and agencies of government of the State of Nebraska. They have got tons of money, Senator Wehrbein, to just throw out there to everybody. Senator Janssen, they plant this money like people plant seeds of corn and wheat, just baskets full of it, throwing it to whoever wants it. So we know that is what has happened. We know that is what is going to happen. So if we are serious about passing this bill, we should be serious about providing the funding. So my amendment would add \$500,000 to the A bill, so that DSS can hire consultants to tell them how to administer LB 592.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Witek, followed by Senator Crosby on the Chambers amendment.

**SENATOR WITEK:** Mr. Speaker, members of the body, it is hard not to rise in support of Senator Chambers' amendment, but I can't take it seriously, but I do take seriously... I know you are serious but I can't take your amendment seriously, but I do understand and I want other people to know that you are not the only one suffering the frustrations of the continuation, it seems, and I know you are supplying us with all copies of the news articles, but I am reading them, regardless of the copy that you are sending, and have been aware of this and am just as disgusted and frustrated in trying to get some control of budgets and money, and then seeing that we are paying all this money out for consultants. And then having even people in higher elected office going on radio shows telling people, well, we just don't have the people that can go find this money, for Maximus, and it is like, well, then take a couple of them, give them \$50,000 a year for a year or two till they know how to go about getting these grants and save me \$5 million. You know, I