

all going all green and I not being on the record opposing it. I will get into it later, Senator Chambers, about the responsible use of consultants, and I hear what you are saying, and some of the frustration has been...will be reflected probably in our debate over the next week or two about the use of consultants. I don't want to not blanketly state that I am opposed to all consultants, but there certainly is some need to look at that more carefully. But suffice it to say at this point, I oppose Senator Chambers' amendment. I think it is too much money, not necessary. It is an unknown at this time. I know he is trying to make a point, and with that, I will just leave it. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I would like to recognize 24 fourth graders from St. Joseph School in York, Nebraska. They are guests of Senator Stuhr and they are here with their teacher, and they are in the north balcony. Would you please stand and be recognized. Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, are you speaking or closing?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Speaking. Madam...Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I want to ask Senator Wehrbein a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, has the Appropriations Committee been approached about providing money to the administration to pay the cost of some person tracking how many consultants that are being hired, are you aware of that?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, not request of money for that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. The other question, you...oh.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Microphone off) ...they have. I take that back.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Wait a minute. You mean to tell me that our Appropriations Committee has been approached by the administration to have us either appropriate or authorize the expenditure of money so they can track the number of consultants.