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public or the Legislature go to find out what actually is the way in which one of these contracts will operate. And it is important. Let's say that one of these outfits...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...says that they are going to charge the state 12-1/2 percent and they get the contract, then they tell somebody else but we are only going to bill for 9 percent, we will give you something. There can be kickbacks, we actually, in the State of Nebraska, had some of these price-fixing schemes in construction contracts in Nebraska. So don't believe that where large amounts of money are involved corruption can occur only someplace else, in big states on the eastern seaboard or on the west coast. We have to be careful about the way money is spent, the kind of agreements pursuant to which money is spent, but this amendment I'm offering is valid, and I have yet to have somebody on this floor stand and tell me they don't believe that DSS is going to hire consultants to help them carry out LB 592. If somebody will stand and tell...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...me that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question because he is the only one who really spoke against the idea then, and Senator Witek is not here. Senator Wehrbein.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is it your belief that if LB 592 is passed in basically the form it is in now where you have this license revocation and DSS plays such a heavy hand in it, is it your belief that they will not hire any consultants to help them carry out any aspects of this bill?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It would be my belief they shouldn't have to, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no. We both agree they shouldn't have