

state, then the state pays them. So there is an appropriation process involved. We have got to know what is going on and we also have to make sure that if you allow these contracts there is a reasonable and rational relationship between the amount of money paid and the work actually done. It doesn't do any good in my mind...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to say money is coming that would not have come before so if you give them 75 percent of it you're still ahead because you've got 25 percent of something instead of 100 percent of nothing. No, when that money comes, it comes only because the state is entitled to that money under the law. That money does not belong to the Governor, it does not belong to the Legislature, it goes into the General fund or the people's money and as such it needs to be spent in a way that is prudent, that is warranted and is economical and efficient. So Senator Beutler may be moving us in a direction that the rest of you choose to pursue if you're in favor of the contingent fee contract. I am opposed to it but we'll have a chance to go into some of these things in greater detail as we move along.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Engel would like to announce some very special guests visiting the Legislature, his son, daughter-in-law and grandson are all here, Michael, Delores and Christopher Engel are here from Albuquerque, New Mexico. They are all under the north balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Witek, your light is next.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I sat on the Government Committee that had the hearing for Senator Chambers' bill and I do agree with Senator Chambers. When I first read his bill, when I first heard about the contract, I guess I had a lot of questions that I wanted answered. Some have been and some have not been, but I found in particular interest some of the statements made during the hearing by the individuals, one of the individuals who had signed the contract, and I guess when I heard Senator Wesely on the floor again today and Senator Will, I can't believe some of the phrases that people use when they're discussing federal tax dollars. What we've done here is we're hiring individuals for tax dollars, millions of dollars of tax dollars, to go to the federal government and as they say leverage millions more of our federal