

crunch time and I understand it was difficult...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...to wait until the Legislature met so they moved ahead. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam President, members, first of all, I'm going to oppose 519. I want to make that clear and I'm going to ask some questions. It doesn't have anything to do with Senator Beutler's. I've got several questions at this point. Senator Beutler, in essence, what does your amendment do? And then I want to ask Senator Chambers some questions if he will yield.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, we're simplifying somewhat, Senator. It would allow for contingent fee contracts so long as they were executed by the government and it would allow them prospectively and the law would apply prospectively only.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, so you are allowing for contingency.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So it would do no damage to the Maximus contract, but would apply to the future.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. And so the Maximus would be...it's neutral on Maximus because it's done. Okay, I'm going to...Senator Chambers, I guess I'd like to ask you some questions and maybe respond to some of Senator Witek's comments too. First of all, I don't mean to leave you standing, Senator Chambers, I just want to make a statement. One of this, we need to understand that this is replacing General Funds with federal funds and so my conscience is clear on taking this money. This by and large is federal mandates and we are spending state General Funds for that money. I see nothing wrong with taking federal money for federal mandates to do the job and we've got a list of several things that they're involved in. But my question to Senator Chambers is, the state has...Senator Bromm is going to ask you some questions on this too, but we pay architecture fees. Will that fall under a commission and be banned because most architects I understand work on a commission basis?