

members of the Legislature, I urge the adoption of the amendment. I will only briefly summarize that I believe the amendment allows us to achieve all of the objectives...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Excuse me, excuse me one moment, Senator Brashear. Pardon me for interrupting, but if we could have a little order in the Chamber please, so we can hear the closing.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I respectfully suggest to the members of the body that the amendment allows us to achieve all of the objectives which I think the various people who have spoken here set out to do. We are making a policy statement on contingent fee arrangements. We are...we are setting up a procedure by which we ought to know and will know of contingent fee arrangements being entered into. We are asking the Governor, the highest elected official of the state, to be accountable for those contingent fee arrangements, and to provide an advance notice of those contingent fee arrangements being entered into in order that those who are interested and responsive will have an opportunity for input or, if appropriate, any defensive tactics or techniques they might think the situation calls for. It seems to me we are achieving a great deal of good and yet we are also recognizing that the money which Maximus is bringing to us we had not previously collected for whatever reason. We do need it. It is, in fact, coming in. It removes the issue of having to deal with the Maximus contract but it does not tolerate into the future the situation, and for that reason, I would urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Brashear. The question before the body is the adoption of the Brashear amendment. All those in favor vote aye...excuse me, we are still waiting for members to return. The house is under call. Senator Schimek, would you check in. Senator Bromm, did you check in. Senator Cudaback. Senator Hartnett. The motion before the body then is the adoption of the Brashear amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Brashear's amendment to Senator Chambers' amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is agreed to. We are now back to the consideration of the Chambers amendment. The call is raised. I will continue with the speaking order as it was up here on the Maurstad amendment. Senator Wesely, your light is