

where they are trying to get federal money, this means any kind of contract. They can now enter with your blessing contingent fee contracts with lawyers, which is not the way they contract now. Any contract can be based on a contingent fee, and you all are saying affirmatively that the contingent fee method of contracting is good for the state. It has been reviewed by the Legislature and it's acceptable, that's what you are saying, any contingent fee contract, just as long as the Governor signs it, and gives 30 days notice, but there is nobody who can overrule the Governor. Nobody can countermand it, and you cannot even throw it out in court because the Legislature's authorizing it. You are not putting any standards. When you talk about a fiduciary relationship, you talk about the prudent person rule, and that is written into your laws. You don't even require prudence in this kind of a bill. Let me ask Senator Brashear a question. Senator Brashear...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, and don't choke up, because you've won.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'm not choking up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Well, you choked me. You won.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Oh, please, Senator, can we discontinue that portion. The last headline said Chambers Sacks Brashear, but they won't use that football terminology because we are not talking my failed, miserable, pathetic attempt to get Cornhusker Spirit license plates in which you absolutely destroyed me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What they will say, and listen to the laughter in his voice, he can see the headlines tomorrow, Brashear Boots Chambers. We know what they are going to write. You know you've won. But while this is being done, you need to keep in mind the seriousness of this. Senator Brashear, are you at all interested in considering some limitations on the percentage that this contingent fee can be?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I would be open to that deliberation here in the body. I've also indicated to you, and I am still waiting for you to go back and put subsections (1), (2), and (3) in,