

SPEAKER WITHEM: We are now debating the advancement of LB 519. I see no lights. Senator Chambers, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Because the rules say I have to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, and there is not much to be said on the bill in the form that it's in now. It does, in reality, do some good and it does restrict what can be done in this area because an employee cannot sign a contract and bind the state, as was done with Maximus. The head of an agency or department cannot do it, and hide it away as was done in this case. The Governor cannot do it and hide it away. Let me ask Senator Brashear a question before I try to go too much into what his amendment means.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, in declaring one of these contracts void, that would occur if the Governor fails to give that 30 days notice and comment period, is that correct? Is that your intention?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Clearly, that's meant to be an absolute condition precedent to the effectiveness of the contract.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, and although I have some concerns that I intend to pursue with reference to trying to put some limitations on what this fee, a maximum that this fee can be, I will talk to Senator Brashear, Senator Beutler, and anybody else who has some thoughts along that. I can Senator Abboud over there, if he hasn't had all the air whipped out of him, but anybody who has shown an interest, I want to talk to to see what we can do to get as much as possible out of this as we can. And I will accept a machine vote.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers was closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 519. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Senator Chambers. The question before the body is, shall the house go under call? Senator Chambers, did you reconsider your request? Okay, sorry, can't even get a call of the house today. Record, Mr. Clerk.