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SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Wesely, your light is next.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, as Senator Chambers discussed on General File on the issue that he and I and others have been talking about this broad issue of how we get some handle on all this contracting going on that's been a problem, and the main thing that we came up with that seemed to be a consensus because this has been brought to the Governor's office and they have approved this, they have a similar type of executive order in place so they, too, have seen the need to bring under the overview of the Governor's office, through the Department of Administrative Services, all these agencies' activities and contracting that's going on. So at least there's a second review, a second opinion on it, and that's basically what this bill calls for. Now the University of Nebraska, the state colleges and constitutional offices are exempted from this, but the other code and noncode agencies under...under the Governor and otherwise Governor's responsibility, either directly or indirectly, would be covered. And if they're performing services and they wish to contract those services, they can do so after a bidding process and a review by the Department of Administrative Services. This gives us a chance to keep a handle on the situation and try and head off problems. And I will bring up, at this time, one of those problems that has come to our attention, among others, was the child support issue over in Douglas County where I and Senator Lindsay and others got concerned about movement to a private entity there. We expressed concerns but that process went forward and since that time our concerns have found some merit as problems have resulted. So...and there are other examples out there as well. This would give us more of a chance to review and be certain of a change before making that change and making it impossible to reverse direction. So, from experience I've had and others with some of these issues, I very much support the amendment and urge your support as well. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Vrtiska, your light is next.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Hall, and members of the body, I support the amendment. I just had a couple of questions of Senator Warner or whoever is willing to provide an answer.