

technically it's germane and on the germaneness rule we had yesterday both bills, the amendment and the bill have the word "the" in it, so that makes it germane as well. So I would urge the adoption of the amendment. (Laughter.)

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bernard-Stevens, thank you. Senator Beutler, you are recognized. Waives off. Senator Warner, there are no other lights, you are recognized to close. Closing is waived. The question is the adoption of the Warner amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Warner's amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Warner's amendment is adopted. Before we move on to the next item, Mr. Clerk, I would like to introduce a guest of Senator Kristensen's, under the north balcony, Jessica Smith from Arapahoe. Jessica, would you stand up and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for joining us today. The next item on the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Brashear. Senator, AM2520 in front of me. (The Brashear amendment appears on page 2586 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Senator Brashear, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Hall, members of the Legislature, thank you. What has resulted with regard to LB 519 since General File is that we have focused on everyone's attention on contingent fee contracts and we're finding out that there are a great many more contingent fee contracts in place than had originally or thereafter been anticipated. And so we're trying to improve the bill by making it reasonable. This first amendment, and there are others to follow, if the lesson for today is follow the agenda carefully, anything can happen even if you're brain dead. Did not anticipate this this afternoon. This first amendment simply avoids the problem of having, for instance, the Governor have to sign the contingent fee contracts which are entered into by the State Treasurer for the purpose of unclaimed property recoveries so that we are...with this first amendment, we are excluding the University of Nebraska. You all know of its separate legal stature in governance, the Nebraska state colleges and then any board or commission or agency established by the Constitution of Nebraska or the