

constitutional offices. The intent...there will be a subsequent amendment which will make it necessary for the highest executive officer of each, the University of Nebraska, any Nebraska state college or any other board, commission or agency established by the Constitution of Nebraska, that subsequent amendment which I will offer or you will require that the highest executive officer execute the contingent fee contract for those institutions upon 30 days notice to the public at large. So we're bringing the same process to bear and getting there as best I know how. For that reason, I would urge the adoption of 2520.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Chambers, on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I had discussed this idea with Senator Brashear and he knows I'm going to oppose this amendment. First of all, some of the boards, like the Parole Board, would be under the Governor as far as making the appointments, so I wouldn't want to just say in a blanket way every board and agency created under the Constitution because, at this point, we don't know, at least I don't, each one that might be involved, and some of those would probably appropriately be under the Governor's control and direction. So rather than, at this late stage in the game, adopt an amendment which in its present form is going to say that the university can enter any contingent fee contract it chooses without the kind of accountability that would exist in the bill for those that the Governor would oversee, I think is inappropriate because that is a vast universe of expenditures that could occur. The state colleges the same, and since we don't know all of the boards and agencies that would be comprehended in the language used by Senator Brashear's amendment, we would be flying blind and perhaps opening up too large an area and not having adequate control which is what we're trying to do. We're not prohibiting contingent fee contracts with 519 as it exists now. And I know what Senator Brashear is saying. So what I would rather have us do is reject this amendment, reject his other amendment, but if this one is rejected, I don't think he would offer the other one. We go ahead and accept...well, he said other amendments, so I will wait and see what they are. But with reference to this one, we should reject it and any form of it, take whichever other amendments fit with the thrust of the bill and advance it. If enough time remains in the session and if the Speaker would have