

think, more or less as a body by the contracts, the contingent fee contracts and the consulting agreements and the like that have been entered into without notice or with too little notice and too little information. So LB 519 accomplishes that good. The items...the entities which are excluded by this first amendment, 2520, now, today, presently have the ability to enter into contingent fee contracts. This wasn't the...the forbidden act that we might have liked to have assumed. They have been entering into contingent fee contracts. So if just this amendment were adopted, we would still accomplish the good in 519 and we would not cross that constitutional line of beginning to have one constitutional officer, elected in a partisan political process, passing judgment on another constitutional officer who might...who may or may not be of the same political persuasion and the exercise of his discretion and judgment for which each of those people is independently accountable in the election process. Specifically, the best example that comes to mind is that the Treasurer of the State of Nebraska has been for several...currently and the predecessors, several predecessors, have been entering into contingent fee contracts for the collection of unclaimed property. Well, I think we can exercise our imagination and see where people not operating in good faith and good will as between the Governor's office and the Treasurer's office might make life difficult for one or the other, or both, if we do not exclude these people. That's the value of this 2520. I do want to say again that I have filed another amendment which will subject each one of these agencies, whoever it is, Senator Chambers, that this amendment excludes from the gubernatorial execution of the contract upon 30 days notice to the public, the next amendment will require that the highest executive officer of any excluded entity, mainly the University of Nebraska, the state colleges or any other board, commission or agency, that highest executive officer is required to give 30 days notice to the public at large just as the Governor would before executing the contract or that contingent fee contract would also be void. And then to eliminate the nuisance that might creep into this process since we find that the Tax Commissioner, for instance, regularly enters into contingent fee contracts for the collection of taxes, fees and the like, a third amendment will establish a floor of reasonably anticipated contingent fee or fees of \$25,000 per annum. So we are trying to bring order to the process. I hear what Senator Chambers is saying but I...I believe that the members of the body...