

SENATOR WILL: Time. Senator Brashear, your light is next, you may continue.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I will continue answering your question, Senator Chambers. The Parole Board is mentioned in the Constitution. The Governor is the Chief Executive Officer of the state with the power to appoint the Parole Board members but there has been litigation with respect to his authority thereafter in terms of removal and governance and disapproval. I know you cherish the independence of the members of the Parole Board and, therefore, I would ask, although I know what direction you're going on this, I would ask you to rethink, do you want the Parole Board, which has this individual constitutional identity and mandate, which has...litigation has somewhat protected from the exercise of too much daily Chief Executive power to have to take a contingent fee contract which it might want to enter into to the Governor for his approval or let him use that as leverage when, in fact, with the next amendment we would require the highest executive officer of the Parole Board to give 30 days notice to the public at large before signing a contingent fee contract. Would you res...I yield time to respond.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, here's what I would ask Senator Brashear to do. Withdraw this amendment, then let us combine what you say is the second amendment that you have and present just one amendment to accomplish the purpose that you have in mind and I will come back and work with you on it and maybe you've persuaded me to your side of the issue. But I would rather see it as one amendment instead of two different pieces, and this is for the sake of making sure that it is drafted to do exactly what we're talking about during this discussion.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Chambers, would you yield to the suggestion of simply filing the other one as an amendment to this one?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, sure, I don't mind. I just want them...I want it all before us right now.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: All right. Senator Will, could I...need a little assistance here. Can I get the amendment which begins to