

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Thank you. That's all.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Did I pass?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's really all I wanted to know is I wanted to know how many and I would ask Senator Brashear if he weren't up there at the desk but just how many boards, commissions and so forth that his amendment covered, but we're probably going to do it another way anyway, so probably doesn't matter. I was just curious. Thanks.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wesely, you are recognized.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President. I think you would also...the Board of Education would be a constitutional entity. But you would also have the Auditor, the Treasurer, the Attorney General, Secretary of State, those would all be covered. So you do get into...if you count the Board of Education, I think that is an area where you start to get kind of a broader net. So I was a bit concerned about the Brashear amendment maybe exempting out too many parts of state government. We all talk about code and noncode agencies, this is narrower than the concept of noncode agencies because there are other entities that are commissions, not under the Governor but also that are not constitutional. So it is narrower than it could be but it's still a significant number, so anything we do that would exempt them out could be...could be...could be significant and you want to try and be sure that you don't end up too broadly leaving out too many entities. One of the things I argue with Senator Chambers as he's working on the amendment is, you know, in his original bill he says the concept of contingency fee contracts are basically bad, that the idea that the more you get the more you make in state government. We banned contingency fee contracts for lobbyists because of the potential abuses. We think that's a bad idea and although there seems to be more of these contingency fee contracts around the state than we had realized, the issue coming to light because of this bill and the whole issue of Maximus, still though the fundamental underlying concept of the bill that Senator Chambers came in with that basically they're all bad and they ought not never to be allowed, so he's backed way off of that to where there would at least be some disclosure. But I do think...I think he's right to be cautious in any exemptions despite the fact that some of