

these...these are not the majority of state government. They can still be a significant part of state government. For instance, when you exempt out the University of Nebraska, when you exempt out higher education, I can't remember what part of the budget it is but it's a huge part of the budget. Higher education is at least 25 percent of the state budget so you have to, I think, be a little bit cautious when you say it's just a few agencies or entities when you talk about constitutional offices. It can be a significant financial exemption in terms of the overall budget. So I would...I would urge a great deal of caution on the part of Senator Chambers and Senator Brashear to be practical but also prudent and not having too big a hole shot into LB 519. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Seeing no further lights, Senator Brashear, you are recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Will, members of the Legislature, I would like to yield opening minutes to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, having looked at Senator Brashear's two amendments, I can support both of them because what the first one does is alter the definition of state so that it exempts these various entities that the second amendment will deal with. So the easiest way would be to adopt this amendment, and his second amendment has been drafted so that it lists out the University of Nebraska, the State College Board, these boards and agencies under the Constitution, and the highest executive officer of these respective boards would be the one who would have to do the same thing that the Governor does, namely, provide the 30 days notice to the public prior to the execution of the contract. So having seen that he has drafted the second amendment so that it dovetails with the first one, I support this amendment that's before the body now and I will support the one to follow.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Brashear, you have about three and a half minutes left.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Will, members of the Legislature, I really believe that...I apologize for the difficulty of this and