

designed to give tax concessions to big corporations that are going to settle in the urban areas and benefit urban interests. The Legislature cannot withstand that kind of pressure. If we had a board or agency created by the Legislature you would see a Governor come in and eviscerate and dismantle that one, as the present Governor is doing with the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We have concrete examples before us, tumbling from out of the walls, so to speak, which tell us and cry out to us about the inability of the Legislature to withstand strong pressure from powerful special interest groups when they want to gouge the consumer or shift tax-paying responsibilities from themselves to others who are not organized and who do not have that clout. I am opposed to LR 41CA.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Madam President and members. Probably one of the things I've looked at in Senator Brown's particular bill is the fact that I think the time has come, past due really, that we take a very strong look at where it is that the state is and looking at any type of changes, or you can call it restructuring, re-engineering, whatever that you like, but looking at any changes that perhaps might not be need to be done in the future in managing government on a state level, and even in other areas, but at this point we would be looking at a state level. And I think the fact that the Public Service Commission is mentioned in the constitution, we have our hands tied in doing the kinds of things that I think would be helpful to this agency and allowing a better agency to perform perhaps services that they need to specify and look into, and that the Legislature can work to provide the kind of agency that I think would most benefit the people in the state of Nebraska. And having things in the constitution doesn't allow that to happen. I'm one of those that thinks, yes, that the Legislature can design a program and can pass legislation that could be meaningful in this area, and it is their responsibility to do that. And to say that we...perhaps Senator Chambers can't always be trusted probably is a very true statement. But I would also like to say I think we need to continue to try, and that we should be able to trust ourselves to do the right thing,