

SENATOR WITEK: ...audits. And I hope at some time we'll have the elected officials who will vote for something that, Senator Withem. And I hope the public will support me, that you don't have it now and you need to change some of your elected officials here in order to get it. I do want these elected officials, like John Breslow and others, involved. These are the people that the public chose to be there, whether you scorn them or not. The state of Nebraska chose that individual to be our public auditor, and the scorn and derision that they...the people watching see on this floor when people like you arrogantly suggest that we know better than to pay attention to him, is so obvious to the voting public now, and that's the revolution that's occurring not some restructuring effort by a bunch of power hungry people who want to shut everybody out, but elected officials, like myself, who want to be involved in it, who was...I am elected to be...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...involved in this.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President and members, I had my light on and I apologize, I was outside the Chamber in the Rotunda and I wanted to speak to the Withem amendment and I was going to ask him if he would accept an amendment that would provide that no legislative staff, no more than two legislative staff could ever meet together without being involved with the open meeting laws as well. But since he withdrew the amendment, I guess I will no longer pursue that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Madam President and members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Witek amendment. I believe that in what...everything that we do we have to make sure that we are allowing the administrative business of the organization to go forward. And possibly part of the problem is that we're calling this a policy council and I believe that we are the ones that make policy. And the council is going to handle the administrative workings of the organization. And I don't think that we can put roadblocks up into the way that they do their...the work that they have been hired to do. I, as a