

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'm not willing to do what he said, because I can't. But, I understand, I'll respond.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Modesty is a virtue when it is not so transparently a guise. Senator Brashear, at the point where this company is entitled to start holding back these withholding amounts from the employees, that's the point from which I want to engage you in a discussion.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I understand.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. At what point, after that line is crossed, does the company have to start spending that money their withholding.... Let me ask you this first. Can they keep that money in a discreet account, or do they have to commingle it? May they commingle it, or do they have to keep it in a discreet account?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I...it certainly has to be individually accounted for. I think, Senator Chambers, to be honest, you're asking me questions that are probably governed, I'm quite certain they're governed by the actual agreement between the people of the state and the employer. And I've not had an opportunity to go elsewhere and pursue the answers. If...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, then...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...I had that opportunity, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So for the purpose of our discussion we'll both acknowledge that we're not sure about that detail, but I might still be able to ask you questions that get to the point that I want to have clarified

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Can I say just one thing?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, you may.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'm terribly afraid that you'll lead me down