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consistent. Paying union dues, to me, is something very personal and a decision that should be made personally by each individual and if this lady, obviously from her letters, did not want to pay these \$785, it is really scary if the state of Nebraska is forcing someone to pay \$780 worth of union dues that they don't want to pay, that they legitimately notified that they did not want to pay and that the state continued...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ..to take out. I mean that, to me, is very frightening and if that's happening in any other instances, I'm personally going to check on that and see if this is happening in any other instances and see what I can do to change this whatever, if it's a rule and reg out of the Department of Administrative Services. I know I can't affect the union decision, but they shouldn't then, in turn, be able to force our state employees to pay their union dues like this. There's a problem here. This clearly illustrates that there's a problem here. The claim is kind of just highlighting this problem and this lady should get her money back first, but there's a lot of problems that we should discuss, a lot of issues that we should discuss on this whole issue, obviously. So I'll support the Dierks amendment to give this lady back her money because I am not going to be a party to having the state of Nebraska force somebody to pay union dues. This is America. Thanks.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hudkins, followed by Senators Abboud, Beutler, Vrtiska, and Maurstad.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. Senator Abboud, if I may ask you a couple of questions?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Abboud, did Mrs. Hansen...was she told in writing that she had to observe this window after the fact that she...after the time that she resigned?

SENATOR ABOUD: Did she receive correspondence back from...

SENATOR HUDKINS: From NAPE union.