

in a union, you should know what the union rules are. And the unions do a lot of good things for their employees. They represent them in court if they have a problem, and that kind of thing. And so I just don't like our using this as an opportunity to say that everything unions do is wrong, because that's not true. So thank you for listening to me and it's all nice to see all of you this morning. But I think we got to stay here and keep focused on what the question is here. The question is whether or not the state owes this money. I don't believe the state does owe this money. And if someone does, then they have to fight that out between that person and the union. So, I had one more point, I can't remember what it was. If I think of it, why I'll ask somebody to give me a little time. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Entirely unnecessary. Senator Dierks, to close.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I really didn't want this to go on that long either. I felt that this case was rather simple and all we had to do was express the ideas that were necessary to be expressed and it'd be over with. But we tried to call the question and people didn't want to do that. So I guess that it is a pleasure for me to be able to close on this. I'd like to read to you from the Attorney General, or from the Attorney General's...I guess this was from the State Auditor's letter. And it says, "Section 302(c)(4) of the Federal Labor Management Relations Act allows the union to bargain for and receive a checkoff of union dues which may be irrevocable for as long as one year when there is a voluntary written authorization from the employee for the checkoff." When there is a written voluntary authorization from the employee for the checkoff. The employee's written authorization is the primary requisite to the validity of any such dues checkoff under Section 302(c)(4). The checkoff authorization must be voluntary and therefore any limits on its revocability as permitted by Section 302 must be expressed in the authorization itself. I have here a copy of