

bill as it came off of General File, I will be very pleased that we've accomplished a great deal with a lot of cooperation. I thank Senator Hillman for her work and her cooperation. She has a genuine concern for her constituents in western Nebraska. I understand that and Senator...Mr. Speaker Withem for making time on the agenda this morning for us to deal with it so thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Kristensen followed by Senators Chambers, Hillman, Cudaback, Wickersham and Brashear.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. And, Senator Wickersham, I'm glad you've got your voice back. I don't sit down quite so quickly. I want to make...can I ask you some questions, please, Senator Bromm. Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bromm, will you respond to a question?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you.

SENATOR BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Bromm, I want to walk through this and try to maybe highlight what we're really doing with this amendment. The first part of Section 3 talks about no new contracts for a fee greater than allowed by current state law. And that would basically be anything that comes after July 18 of 1996, we won't have any new contracts except for subsection 4. Is that basically correct?

SENATOR BROMM: Between agencies and a private entity or nonstate agency, correct.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But the state agency can't do it themselves either, can they?

SENATOR BROMM: No.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: They couldn't provide the record for...let's say that Vital Statistics wanted to go out and charge \$15 for electronic access to a death certificate. They couldn't do that either.