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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you agree.... Okay, tell me where the other line would go?

SENATOR TYSON: There is no other line. The line between the credit card company and the state is the only connection. The man holding the card and purchasing whatever is an agent of the state, and he is right...he occupies the position of the state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there is a connection between the cardholder and the state. Isn't that true?

SENATOR TYSON: As agent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the connection is there. There is no connection between the cardholder and the card company. Isn't that true?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My light's on.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The Chair recognizes Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers is again focusing his powers, analytical powers on the true issue, and I think he makes a very good point. If you or I go into Dillard's and want to buy a new shirt, we can decide what kind of shirt we want and how expensive it's going to be. But if the state of Nebraska authorizes me to buy a new uniform, there's a third party involved and that's the state of Nebraska. It's not just a direct relationship between the buyer and seller. Now, I think it's misleading to talk about charging gasoline. As an example, use office supplies, every agency and department is authorized to buy office supplies. Well, if that authorization goes to the credit card company and says that one of our two or three hundred departments and commissions and boards is authorized to buy office supplies, you have no check whatsoever on the expenditure. I would much rather prefer to have our watchdog State Treasurer or Department of Administrative Services taking a look at each individual expenditure rather than giving department or agency A, B, or C