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political subdivision, except the state of Nebraska. The only employer in the entire state that I can figure out who's not covered by the Wage Payment and Collection Act is us. And what that means is if you are due some salary, and you don't get paid that salary, and you have to sue for that salary, this is the mechanism to do so. So what the bill that I brought to the committee did was to list the state as one of the covered entities by this act. The committee, I understand, in some sharp, quick bill drafting, realized that we needed to add the words "the state" in a different location, and there's going to be a committee amendment to that effect in a moment. I'm glad they caught it, because it's entirely appropriate, and it was a misdraft on my part. The committee advanced the bill unanimously, of those voting; it was supported by the individual who brought me this bill, Tom Cope, and then there were also representatives of NAPE/AFSCME and the AFL-CIO, who were interested in making sure that that state of Nebraska is covered by the Wage Payment and Collection Act, just like every other employer in this state. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis, you're recognized to.... Excuse me, Senator Vrtiska. You're recognized to open on the committee amendments. (See Standing Committee amendment, AM0452, on page 714 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I'm sure that was an oversight on your part. The committee amendment that...the amendment the committee put on LB 753 is certainly a technical amendment. It's not very complicated. All it does, the definition of an employer in this bill contains a long laundry list, as Senator Landis has indicated, of entities. And included in these.... This amendment only adds the state to the laundry list. And I think this is...certainly is, as Senator Landis indicated, is in keeping with the bill, and I would urge adoption of this amendment to LB 753. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the committee amendments? Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I just wanted to say that I was delighted to see this work. It is an example of the committee catching an error of drafting on my part, and, in fact, solving what might