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SENATOR SMITH: ...and perhaps the Conway decision being a little overbroad, perhaps, or vague.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And that's the point we're trying to address here, the...what the broader questions were that were raised by the Conway decision.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. My reservation still exists with the definition of subdivisions. Now, I realize that various subdivisions meet a different test in terms of taxation. But they're not all treated the same. And this language opens up every political subdivision, and I remain unconvinced that the university system is not included in...as a political subdivision, in this particular case. Again, I could be wrong. I'm not a constitutional scholar. I'm not an attorney. But what it looks to me is like there's some vague language here. And we need to get some of the details worked out. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman, Senator Smith, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Janssen, Loudon, Smith, Schimek, Erdman, and Wehrbein.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there are three divisions of government in Nebraska, as there are at the federal level: executive, legislative, judicial. Any authority exercised in this state, under this government, is exercised pursuant to being a part of one of those branches. There is no fourth branch. If the activity is not legislative, then it is either executive or judicial. If it's not judicial or legislative, it is executive. This language may not be as broad as I think it is. But when you look at the part of the constitution being amended, it's talking about the executive officers of the state. Political subdivisions would not be executive officers of the state, in the sense of those officers who exist by virtue of being named in the constitution. The executive officers of the state that the constitution sets out are here. After you lay out the names of these various executive officers, it says that there are others. They would be the heads of such other executive departments as set forth in this constitution or as may be established by law. If there is another executive department established by law, the head of