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wanted and more than the committee wanted, but I think we got to this point and you can see for yourself on the handouts where we ended up. Lastly, I guess I want to thank the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee members because they were willing to advance the bill out of the committee and those members were very helpful in allowing me some additional time to further refine all of the work on the committee amendments, but also the final version of the amendment. We've got the intent language. The definitions, I think, are very clear. We've exempted out the university, but we do have a process on the Nebraska Information System where we will have good data and that data will be recorded so we can assess those contracts and look at them if we choose to. Individually, we will now know where actual copies of the contracts are should this amendment pass, and we will have a process that I think is a good beginning. The administration, through Lauren Hill, has agreed to work on this through the interim as we need to, to watch the process, to see how it unfolds, and to look at what we may need to do to adjust it at a later time. But at this time point I think we have reached the point where we're in agreement on advancing this amendment and then advancing the bill. I would again thank everyone who's been involved and I appreciate the long hours and the hard work that went into this, and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...be glad to answer any questions and would just ask your favorable vote in advancing the amendment and then the bill, LB 626. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. You've heard the opening on AM1421, which is an amendment to LB 626. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Preister amendment, AM4121. Senator Schimek, followed by Senators Byars, Wehrbein, and Quandahl. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in strong support of AM1421 and I originally turned my light on to make a lot of thank-yous, which Senator Preister has always...already done a very thorough job of that, but I do particularly want to single out my own staffer, Christy Abraham,