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SENATOR PREISTER: This is a major policy issue. When we're talking about the budget and all of the things we're having to do with the budget, this is an extremely important piece of legislation that I hope people appreciate the amount of potential, both in savings and oversight and accountability, that we have in this bill. And I thank you for your attention to the process at this point and, again, hope that you and everyone is comfortable with where we are with this part of the process. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Schimek, you have 30 seconds. Did you wish to use your 30 seconds? Senator Schimek, did you waive your time?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. (Visitors introduced.) Seeing no other lights on, on the Preister amendment, Senator Preister, would you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President, and, yes, I would like to close. With somewhat of a culmination of a whole lot of work by a whole lot of people, those that I have named and those that perhaps have contributed in other ways, including all the agencies, because they, too, have been involved in this process and they have been looking at it, as well as some of the people representing them. And I certainly appreciate what Senator Byars was wanting to accomplish that Senator Erdman also discussed. I will pledge, once again, that I will work to make that happen and that we will craft appropriate language, and we still have time to do that and to have this legislation passed this year. But I do want to comment on what we're actually doing. We're talking about \$1 billion, approximately, we don't know exactly, of service contracts where the state contracts with private entities for services, not goods but for services, and we're going to provide more assessment than we have done in the past. One of the things we're doing is creating a Nebraska Information System listing of every one of those contracts, and we have information on that system where you can go and look at an actual contract so that we can be able to scrutinize, to look