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that they continue to document all their contracts for service. However, they want to retain their autonomy and to be treated the same as the university for all other purposes. The amendment clarifies that the Nebraska state colleges only have to document all contracts for services through the state accounting system. On page 6, developmental disability, which was Senator Byars' concern and others, behavioral health, and other direct service providers' concerns about whether or not they were exempt under the bill. In addition, the administration and HHS also raised concerns about some of the terminology used in the exemption language. We met with all the interested parties and worked out language that met everyone's concern. Exemption (e) under Section 7 was redrafted to clarify that all contracts with direct providers of medical, behavior, or developmental health services, childcare, or child welfare services to an individual are exempt. The exemption language in (g) was amended at the request of the administration. It was mostly a clarifying amendment and merely removed the words "to be performed by or." The exemption now reads: Agreements for services between a state agency and the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska state college (sic), the courts, the Legislature, or other offices or agencies established by the Constitution of Nebraska. On page 7, this amendment clarifies the language under Section 8 regarding the provision which requires Materiel Division to preapprove sole source service contracts. The goal was to have Materiel Division approve the justification for using a sole source service contract rather than submitting it for competitive bidding. The amendment clarifies this by changing "proposed" to "proposals for" sole source contracts in excess of \$25,000. The final change is in Section 9 of the bill and merely changes one word, "cost," to "disadvantages." This change was suggested by Senator Beutler and was agreed to by the administration and myself. The sentence will now read, "The pre-process shall include evaluation of the displacement of the employee of the state agency or position held by the employee of the state agency within the preceding year and of the disadvantages of such a contract for services against the expected advantages, whether economic or otherwise." Essentially, that's what the amendment does. I don't know that there are any remaining items of concern in the bill, and if Senator Byars would like to take some of my time in my opening,