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SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I also oppose the Duis amendment. When we read about the corruption in the state of Maryland, people in high places helping their friends, I think we should not have this wide open. I also go along with the Chambers amendment. It probably isn't an amendment, but his suggestion not to have this escalation to be open, to be tied down to percentage, I believe.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, are you ready to close your argument by way of reply?

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, yes I am. I'm gonna do that by withdrawing my amendment. I have had the opportunity, this morning, . . . thank you Senator Cavanaugh for your outrust. It was really interesting and I am getting rather a chuckle now over the whole thing because I do want all of these other officials of government to know that I do trust them. It becomes sort of irony, after a while, of having bidding on a certain level and then negotiations or bidding on the other level with a choice. Now I am sincere in my amendment, but I'm not going to pursue it because I don't think anybody wants me to including the officials of our subdivisions of government. In reply to Senator Cavanaugh, yes I do hope that the State of Nebraska, and I will continue to say this, I do hope that we will do bidding. Because I think it's in the best interest of the people of the State of Nebraska. I don't think I'm alone in this. But I will withdraw my amendment with the fact that we have heard testimony just recently that they are able to negotiate probably sometimes better than bidding. They would like to have the local option opportunity of doing either one. That's the reason I am in favor of the amendment. But I withdraw it and I thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: You're asking for unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment?

SENATOR DUIS: If I might, please sir.

PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? Seeing none, you can withdraw the amendment. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have another motion to amend LB 171. On page 4, lines 17 and 18, strike: "Such escalation clause" and remainder of the language, and insert "The escalation clause shall in no case exceed ten percent of the contract". Signed, Senator Chambers. Also that same amendment would go on page 6, lines 20 and 21, the same amendment. Signed, Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, in my earlier presentation I stated my reasons for such an amendment, so I won't have anything to say at this time. I'll see what discussion develops.