

And then it goes on to state that the Auditor can hire a deputy and that deputy shall have at least five years of experience. I guess the idea behind it is that they want the deputy auditor...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...shall not have less than five years of experience as an auditor. So they want somebody experienced in that position if that individual is not an auditor or a CPA. And then if you look back at some of the cases that have examined this issue though, you find that the Nebraska Supreme Court, in a case called Colwell v. Irvine stated that an officer under salary fixed by statute is not accountable to the Auditor of Public Accounts in which his duties are discharged, meaning that a deputy may not, in fact, be responsible for the provisions of the responsibilities given to the Auditor. So the buck really stops with the Auditor's office. But yet, on the other hand, we have established in statute since at least '57 that what an Auditor is, what the responsibilities of an Auditor should be, the responsibilities to their client...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: But yet we have a situation which is...which is unusual if you go back and compare to our Auditor of Public Accounts. I will talk later on this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Withem. Senator Withem. Senator Coordsen. Senator Warner. Senator Lynch. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I will have to do one little quick thing for legislative history and then I hope we can call the question. Senator Chambers, if you would, I would like to ask you a question to help with the legislative history. I see in the bill book on LB 579 a portion of what I think is in 579 that says, no calls made to or by a member of the Legislature which are sensitive or confidential in nature shall be required to be disclosed except that such calls shall be so designated by the member, etcetera, etcetera.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh.

SENATOR LANDIS: And that phrase does not say long distance or local. Would it be your interpretation of your amendment that