

And she said, well, what do you mean? I says, well, you said the people could call. Well, she said, I will have to hire more people. I said, fine. And then I said, we can't put more phones in? Well, yes. So we added it up and it came to more than ten thousand dollars. But that was the explanation that the people could call in and find out what happened. Then I was told that the minutes are there, the books are there, that people can come down and read them. Well, what about the handicapped? What do you mean about the handicapped? Well, what if some person is bedridden or they are blind and somebody reads the paper to them and can't get downtown, how are they going to find out because they can't call? They can't go to a library and find out, so how are they going to find out about what happens at these meetings? So also maybe is there something here that they are trying to hide because they don't want to publish this? I don't know. But Senator Landis mentioned costs, so let's dwell upon the costs. Senator Landis said it would cost ten thousand. They would save ten thousand dollars. Senator Landis, do you realize that this figures out to six and a half cents per person, six and a half cents per person, per year. That is what it costs them, six and a half cents. That isn't any amount at all, because if my memory serves me correct, the Lancaster delegation supported socking the Lancaster taxpayers forty to fifty thousand for a new district judge and they didn't think anything about it. So I would again bring up this ten thousand dollars. Can Senator Landis guarantee us, will he make a statement and guarantee us that the budget, the budget will be reduced ten thousand dollars? Or will that money be spent somewhere else? I would say that the money would probably be spent somewhere else, that the ten thousand dollars is not going to be taken off the budget. Now Senator Landis is making notes so he can come back and answer all these questions, and I sure hope that he has all the answers because then maybe I will get a rebuttal to his rebuttal when I put an IPP on his bill, which isn't a nice thing to do. However, I am going to have to agree that we can't do anything about those who are already omitted from doing the publishing, but we surely should stop from allowing more government agencies not to publish their minutes. And if necessary, Senator Landis, if you will help me, I will put an amendment up to