

magazine articles going back at least a year. It's a problem that's not easily solved. We are very concerned that, I use a term of focus of creep, that as we get into this that we will see more and more areas that we need to do. We are very cognizant of the problems we've had in this area in the past about having these areas go over budget. Appropriations Committee is planning on meeting at least quarterly, if not "oftener". At least in May we'll be calling a meeting to come in and go over the proposals, also in the fall to try to keep a firm hand on what is happening. In the amendment we have DAS director as a person that is responsible for direction and administration of this. There is also, if you look deeper into the bill, there is an advisory committee set up. Hope...we are going to work very hard to have a control over this so that the cost of it does not get away from us. For those of you of rural, it's...I've got a...imagine it to if you're...or I use a combine, which is a very complicated machine. You could use a car. Those of you of you, if you take a car in and your mechanic tells you you have a very simple problem, I will take care of it; he gets into the car and finds out...into your motor and finds out it's not simply the valves but they need much further work or you need rings and what have you and it goes on and on and pretty quick you have twice as much in your car repair or in a combine repair as you first started. We are very concerned that this could happen here. We tried to put as many guidelines and points into the bill that we can at least understand if it's going...if we're going to have problems along this line that we will recognize it early and the decision will be made that a person will be in charge to make this decision. If there needs to be further consultation, it will be hopefully with the oversight of the Appropriations Committee as well as more in the executive branch. So this is a proposal to do this. It will take as much as three years work and to get into this by the year 2000 so that our software will turn over. It ranges across many agencies, particularly Department of Social Services, DPI, Motor Vehicles. It's very broad across...I don't even have all of them. I think we used 12 billion bites. Does that sound right, 12? Oh, 12 million lines of code that we will have to reprogram. I want you to read this, either at your leisure or under tension, either one, as to see how we fix the problem on page 2 using, as I said, cigarette taxes. Some will be diverted from 309 Fund, two cents. Others will use...we use cash, federal revolving and trust funds. There are...is some federal money for this as well as revolving funds, which