

effective date of this act, it shall be terminated at the earliest date permitted by the terms of the contract. Our current statutory definition of public record is used in this bill and state agency is defined to mean all state agencies, departments, boards, commissions in the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of state government. Lastly, the committee amendments adds a severability clause and emergency clause to LB 1375. I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR WILL: An amendment to the amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Bromm would move to amend. Senator, AM3950.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR FROMM: Mr. Clerk, what page of the Journal is that on?

CLERK: 1377, Senator.

SENATOR FROMM: Mr. President and colleagues, I apologize for my voice. In the last 12 hours I seem to have contracted something from one of you I assume because that's...there's no one else I've been with, but I think I can speak. I'll do the best I can. The amendment that's on Journal page 1377 is an attempt to take what the committee amendment did and expand that somewhat, and I think I need to go back and provide some history for the body. I am in the process of having handed out an orange booklet that has a number of resources that I think are relevant to the policy discussion that we have on this bill. Let me say that I would not have probably known about this subject had my wife not served on the local library board and last summer came home from a library board meeting and wanted to know why the Legislature had increased some of the fees for libraries to access electronic information or had changed the fees. I indicated I knew of no such action and started to look into it. At about that time, noticed in the paper that a lawsuit had been filed against the Motor Vehicle Department and against the Library Commission charging that they had entered into a private contract to provide public records for fees that were higher than allowed by state statute. It seemed to tie in with what my wife complained about as far as the library charges were concerned and so I began to look at it, not really real aggressively but knowing that there was something there and