

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members. I'll speak a couple of minutes on this. I concur with this. There is a real concern as to whether...and my concern was that we focus on this. On the other hand, I know there's going to be some pressures to try to do the right thing, once we get in there. Where that happy medium or that balance is, I'm not sure. I think this satisfies the intent of both. Once again, I say it's in the bill that the Appropriations Committee will meet quarterly to provide oversight over this. I would fully intend that there will be a close working relationship between the committee and DAS and the Governor's Office, whoever's involved in this, that this does not creep out of control, which is a realistic concern. On the other hand, I fully acknowledge that if there's an area where we can save some money and do some things that we are not contemplating at this time, that that would be something that would be discussed. But the focus is still to remain on making this change. I actually...I was visiting with Mr. Armstrong again. There's very little likelihood that we'll get into hardware. I want to reiterate it is a software problem primarily, and that's where the focus will be. But it is an area that I admit, I think there's a certain amount of "trust me" because we don't know where it's headed. But, based on my experience with LB 814, and many of you, where before where we had that county automation project grow and grow and grow, I'm determined that this will not happen in this project. On the other hand, when we're talking about such a large area, it's going to be difficult too, and there will be some difficult decisions to make, I'm sure. At least, I'm anticipating that. I handed out, by the way, I think it was Monday, a three-page article on LB 1190. I encourage you to read that, if you had questions. We had the briefing. If there's questions now of you that have details, Mr. Armstrong is in the lobby right now, representing this area, that could answer some questions if you still may have them on LB 1190. With that, that's enough for my time right now, Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President, and I'll try to be brief. Others have expressed some of what my concerns were, and that was that we didn't commit ourselves to spend tens of millions of dollars simply to cause our software or our computers to recognize the difference between 00 as being the