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or is it basically one system that needs to be done and we either essentially invest in it or we don't invest in it? Or...

SENATOR BROMM: Well...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...are there...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I'll yield the rest of my time, but I just did want to comment on Senator Beutler's question. Nineteen ninety-three, when we had the flooding in the spring and the flooding and the windstorms in the summer, I was the Governor's coordinator for the disasters, and this issue was absolutely paramount. We also held meetings across the state after each of those disaster periods to hear the issues of local communities and the problems that had incurred. And even though that was a few years ago, things are...from the hearing that we had on this last year and this year, these are issues that are going on. We should be addressing those and getting a plan as a state. In terms of actual dollar numbers, I don't know that we have that, but I can tell you that that was a key issue particularly in a disaster situation. And I'll yield my time to Senator Bromm, Senator Beutler, so they can continue their discussion.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Thompson, thank you, and thank you for the additional information too. Is it an all-or-nothing thing? Is it one technology, or are there alternative technologies we can talk about? And do you do it all or nothing essentially, or are there parts of it that would be very useful,...

SENATOR BROMM: Well...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and other parts that would be less useful that we can consider not doing?

SENATOR BROMM: That's precisely I think why the next...the task force decided the next logical step is to get a consultant to advise us on that. I don't want to talk technology, because we