

isn't that significant. And I know that it's an addition to the budget, and it's something which Senator Moore and others must be extremely careful about, because it's easy to go over the limit. Now here comes the old one-two, Scotty, so that's why I'm bringing along another amendment which will save the budget committee many more times the amount of money than what this will cost. And so then we have the quid pro quo. We have the opportunity, on the one hand, to bring about more efficiency in government, and on the other hand the opportunity to save some money so that we can spend it in a much more viable manner. I have written, as I told you I would earlier, the auditor and asked him to review a list of the agencies which I have created, or the entities that I have created, or any of those which I have had a part in in the 23 years I've been a member of this body. I communicated with Mr. Breslow on several occasions. He has written me back. And I think, Senator Hall, that it is not just electronic equipment which Mr. Breslow needs, he may need additional authority from this Legislature. And so my question to you is this, if we do adopt this amendment, or if we don't, are you willing to take a look at the situation, discuss with Mr. Breslow what his needs are so that he can effectively audit an agency and, if necessary, help to make those changes?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Schmit, without any doubt the whole issue of performance audits needs to be addressed. And the...I guess the proper place for that to lie, one could argue, would be the auditor's office. I know we're discussing it in the Exec Board, again, as a possible function of the Legislature's research division. So I mean clearly it's out there, it needs to be addressed. I would have no problem having the auditor's office be the performance audit, I guess, functionary with regard to state government. I would be more than willing to take a look at that. Irregardless of that, they need this equipment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Hall. I just want to say this, that I have visited with some of the individuals from the agencies which I have requested to be audited. And some of those board members are concerned because of some of the expenditures that have been made by their various entities, and they feel that those expenditures were not, in fact, in the interest of the individuals for whom the agency was supposed to be working. I think it's important that sometimes we have the type of outside, independent audit, the oversight to determine whether or not this sort of expenditure should be taken as a reasonable expense of an agency. It is extremely interesting to