

can? Probably not. But I think Senator Wesely is talking about, particularly a frustration, you know, in DSS is can you get the information you need to make good decisions you make. And I know, like I said, the FAMIS system they have requested is the area that would try and deal with that. But how does that tie into the overall...overall computer decisions we're making. And one of the things that's always frustrating is that I've been here seven years, and seven years prior to that, and it's one of those you're always...often times expenditures and computers are sold as a way to save money. And I guess I'm more than skeptical anymore when I see that, because if it's ever occurred, I can't remember when. Does it increase your efficiency? Does it expand your capabilities? Does it allow you to do a better job? Yes, but very seldom, if ever, does it actually save money. And I think 831, I don't know if there's...there may actually be some savings, some marginal savings somewhere...someplace in state government. But I don't know if this whole project is going to save money, or just open up some brand new horizons. The Department of Social Services computer you talk about, I don't know if that's going to save money. It will probably save money from dumping money into a...into a...into an outdated system. It's probably not going to save us money, but it's certainly going to allow us to do a lot more things and serve the people of the state a lot better. But, as with anything, there's a certain up front investment there that is being asked for at somewhat a difficult time. So time..time...this is when we're trying to finish off and get it up and going, and then hopefully have it pay for itself over time, and hopefully we're going to get there. But there...you're absolutely right, computers are very costly, they do a lot of things. But I think we need to be very careful that we don't oversell their ability, investments here are saving money as opposed to they just allow us to do a lot of things better. Another upcoming issue is the whole issue of the GIS program, that's one of these things we're trying to get...I know Senator Hillman has done a lot of work, trying to get that on the ground level, to try and...I think the GIS type of capability we use when we redistrict is the computer black hole in the future, because you're going to see a lot of...lot of...lot of state agencies want to do that. So that's probably a bigger discussion and doesn't have to do with the county automation project. But I think before this session is over we'll probably have more discussions on how we're spending money on computer dollars.