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be a time when we will have to have a better system for the patrol. I know of no better approach for this project than to have the efficiency and economies of scale of having state and local entities moving forward together on it. I'm willing to...in fact, I've filed an amendment along the line that Senator Beutler wants, to ensure that there is no money spent, no money appropriated without coming back through this Legislature with a report and a plan of what the division of costs will be between the local entities and the state entities. And furthermore, I will, however, resist trying to enter into the business of local entities, our county boards and our city councils and telling them whether or not they can spend money on public safety.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: I will resist that amendment. They know very well what their priorities are. We saw on September 11 how important it can be if you have an unforeseen calamity that you have communication. And we don't need something like that to tell us that we shouldn't be moving ahead and planning on this project. There will be significant homeland security issues that if we have this in process we may, I say, we may, because I can't guarantee that and no one can, but we may be able to utilize some of those resources down the line to help offset some of the costs of this project. But this is a step in the process. It is not appropriate to indefinitely postpone it. If we consider the amendments and they're not sufficient to give us a level of comfort, you can certainly vote not to advance the bill...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...but I think that's the process we should take. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I did have the bracket on this. I want you to know that I'm going to oppose the indefinite postponement. I am going to support the