

spent 1.1 million, how could we just throw that money away? We need to at least go the next year or the next year to finish it out. And so once you...once you start on that program, it really will be a \$5.5 million effort. And that type of money and that type of expenditure needs to be, if we're going to do so, and I'm not saying the Legislature should not at some point, because it may in fact be a tool that we can use. I'm not convinced of that yet, but it might be. That's something we need to do in the biennial budget in the beginning. That's something that needs to be plugged in next year if we need to do that. And for the body to go ahead and start us on the way to 5.5 million, I think, I doubt if it would get by the Governor, number one, it shouldn't get by the Governor and I don't really think it has the votes here. We should just go ahead and dispense with it and move onwards. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, colleagues, B-S, I hate to tell you, it's in the Governor's budget, so I don't really think she would veto it. I got a note from Jim Joneson for Ernie. He asked questions none of us could answer, of course, but there is what is called a crime clearance rate and it has increased everywhere that AFIS has been put into effect. So even though I couldn't answer your questions, someone could. I still think we should start on this this year. I think it's something that takes time to get into place and get into working. However, it does cost a lot of money which is probably the hardest thing I ever have to do is to stand up and ask to spend money, but this is one time I will because it's well worth our...our expenditure and when it was said that it didn't pass the Appropriations Committee, that just isn't true. It came up at a time when there were not enough people there. We were running at four...I mean, at five and six every day for several days, so I finally, as a friendly gesture, voted to remove it so that we could get on with the budget, so it never was really voted down or voted up. Please, give it very serious consideration. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it's regretful that...regrettable that Mr. Joneson is not on the floor so that he could answer some questions. He talked about a crime clearing rate, crime clearance rate. If there are more crimes committed then they are going to clear more crimes. What