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SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair, members of the Legislature, the amendment is something that should have been in the bill originally in terms of referencing means of preserving records. I will talk about what the bill deals with when I introduce on the bill. We are listing various methods of preserving records here in the statutes, adding the term "optical imagery" to that list. When we drafted the bill there was one section of the statutes that we didn't catch and that section deals with the types of information that is admissible in court proceedings and what this amendment does is it simply adds optical imagery to that section of the statutes, along with all the other sections of the statutes dealing with methods, acceptable methods of preserving information. If you have any questions about the amendment, I would attempt to answer those. It's really just a section of statutes that we did not discover when we originally drafted the bill. It was brought to our attention at the hearing and that's what this does.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Does anyone wish to speak on the amendment? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Madam President. I had a very interesting visit this morning with some gentlemen, one of whom I've known for a long time, who explained to me some of the technical aspects of optical imagery. I think, Senator Withem, that it would be beneficial to the members of the body, I don't know if you've already done that, but I think it's very interesting. I think it's something which the members ought to be aware of and the possibilities that are out there on the waiting list if we are able to use this sort of change in technology. And all of us know that in government we have a tendency to create great amounts of paper and then, of course, to store that paper and then, of course, when you want to find it back, that becomes a problem. This is something quite interesting and I would just like you to, if you haven't already done so, explain just a little bit about what optical imagery is for the benefit of those of us who up until this morning, at least, I didn't know anything about it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on the amendment? Do you have a closing statement, Senator Withem?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes. Senator Schmit, thank you for the question and the comment. I was planning to do that in my