

this morning. I do have one, quick little question, Senator Moore, if you would answer.

SENATOR MOORE: I'll try.

SENATOR CROSBY: When you said that statutorily the auditor is not...does not have the authority to do performance audits, then, if he doesn't...if that office does not have that authority, do we need to put something, if this passes, I'm not saying it will, do we need to put something in to strengthen that, that that office is not allowed to do performance audits? You confused me just a little there on the...

SENATOR MOORE: Well, this discussion is probably better. I think Senator Schimek is going to speak. And if Senator Warner was here he'd give you...

SENATOR CROSBY: Oh, okay, well, maybe...okay.

SENATOR MOORE: ...a living history of what happened here. But in the 1970's, the Legislature struck the provisions in the auditor's statutory language that allowed any performance audits.

SENATOR CROSBY: In the seventies, yeah, okay.

SENATOR MOORE: He can still do them upon a re....There's an argument that he can still do them upon request of the Governor. But he does not have the statutory authority to do the performance audits...

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay.

SENATOR MOORE: ...as he once did. And Senator Schimek's bill that she introduced this year would have reinstated that language.

SENATOR CROSBY: Yeah, okay, thank you. That clarifies that for me. I think probably...I am going to support this. The one day I was sick this whole year was the day the auditor came to the Appropriations Committee, and I still regret that, because I didn't hear firsthand what I'm being told now and what I was told when we had our conferences afterwards in the Appropriations Committee. And one of the things I've tried very hard not to do is what Senator Bernard-Stevens said we were