

person in Wisconsin come in, he gave a great two hour dissertation on how this should work, and had his concerns about an elected auditor doing that. He was very frank about that. And I would share those concerns right now, at least until we decide how we're going to do it. I think we have the cart before the horse here. Unfortunately, the computers and the performance audits are mixed together. That is by choice of the state auditor, not by the Appropriations Committee. And I think at this time I would just simply, once again, reiterate that the body should say no to this request now. We can develop a plan of attack over the summer on how we're going to do performance audits, and that's the proper way of the performance audits, not to mention the whole issue of fairness and how the committee treated the state auditor, to date, with the deficit appropriation of almost \$80,000, and well above the Governor in both years. I think the state auditor has been treated quite well already on the financial side. You compound that with the performance issue, I think the body would be wise to say no to this amendment this morning.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Moore. Next speaker is Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Again, not to use the whole time, but to basically try to clarify, again, what the issue is, if I can. The issue is not computers. This issue is performance audits, pure and simple. This is a performance audit issue. The auditor has made it very clear to the Appropriations Committee why he wanted the computers, and it wasn't, number one, because he could be more efficient. That would be a nice thing to argue on the floor, it is a nice, comfortable thing to argue on the floor. But if you're with the Appropriations Committee, the reason that they wanted the computers was so they could free up people and have time to do the performance audits. Okay? That's all there is to it. What I'm trying to say is that our Executive Board is, at this time, already studying the concept of performance audits. It was during the NSCL (sic) thing, here in Lincoln, that there was a joint Appropriations, joint Exec Board meeting concerning performance audits, that we had people from across the country speaking to us about how is the best way to do performance audits. It was Senator Lynch who asked a question of the gentleman that was before us, I wish I could remember the state that he was from, seems to me it was Wisconsin, but I can't remember exactly, specifically said, what is it like in