

are that whenever you run up against someone who wants to circumvent the system, it isn't very hard to do. And the Legislature itself is not very good at getting on top of these things. No disrespect to the members of the Appropriations Committee, but it is an almost impossible task, particularly for those of you who are new on the committee and new to the Legislature, to sit there and go through the process and find out where the skeletons are buried. So I think that the procedure here is not complete, will not be complete until additional work is done, but I believe it is a step in the right direction. I have some time left, Mr. Speaker, I would give that to Senator Tim Hall, if he cares to use it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall, you have about three and a half minutes.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, remembers. Thank you, Senator Schmit. Mr. President, members, the issue here is clearly, easily to cloud in the argument of performance audit. But I would ask any member of the Appropriations Committee to show me, in the amendment, where we deal with the issue of performance audit. We don't. The authority isn't there, and that's been their argument so far, you can't do it. What does this amendment do? Does nothing more than provide the equipment necessary for the auditor to function under their current capability, that's all. They argue the point that it's a question of where performance audit appropriately lies. I happen to sit on the Executive Board. I've been following the discussion of the issue of performance audit. This does not affect, one iota, the whole question of studying it over the summer and deciding, at some appropriate time, A. whether to do it; B. where it should be housed; and, C. how to fund it. This amendment, right now as it exists with about \$215,000, is a far cry from an issue of performance audit. That figure doesn't cover it, doesn't cut it, all it does is buy some equipment that's needed in the auditor's office, that's all it clearly does. There have been some...I don't know how to call them anything but, I guess, some personal problems that individuals have had with a couple of things that the auditor has done in his very brief tenure in that office. He screwed up a couple of times. Believe it or not, I have, too, in the short time that I've been in the Legislature. Now I know you find that hard to believe, but, you know, maybe each of us has done that over the years, and we have learned from that, hopefully. I don't learn quite as quick as others, but I do learn eventually. The fact