

is where we need the state's help. Instead of coming in with the problems, what we do is it gives them an opportunity to come in with the solutions, that we then, as a Legislature, can act on. We talk about dollars. Sitting on Appropriations Committee it's been...I'm sure you've heard the frustration in trying to follow the funding streams through Department of Health, DSS, DPI, OJS, all the rest of them, and figuring out how to maximize the federal funds, matching them with state funds. And I will tell you we've not been able to follow those funding streams well. My hope is through this bill and is that we will better be able to track and follow how those resources are put together, that they match the policies and what the priorities are when we think it's coming down to services with input from the local level. Rules and regs are scattered throughout. What you would have then is when you're looking at where it is you want to go, you have the rules and regs accordingly. Rules and regs have lots of input, they have public hearings, it's based on policy. I don't see any problems with the fact that you'd have one central part where the rules and regs would come down and would be enforced. I think it would be much simpler, and again the access to it from...and questions that people have and also in developing those rules and regs would be much more. And last but not least is the extremely important evaluation component. We're entering into a period where evaluation and having to prioritize is going to happen more and more...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...and more often. And the only way we can make good, sound judgment as to where it is we need to be right now or be in the future is to be able to evaluate what we have. So as these programs develop there needs to be evaluation components put in there. In other words, what is it, what are the benchmarks, what it is that we hope to accomplish. The only way you can evaluate as whether or not anything is any good is you knew what it was supposed to accomplish to begin with. And I think under this bill that will happen. The ultimate goal I think with this are several things. It is to make government more efficient, and that means a lot of things to a lot of people. Does it mean we'll save huge bucks? Most government is at a point now where all we want to do is, number one, first try to keep it from escalating, to keep it from getting bigger and adding to, and so this will allow us, I think, to be able to at least get a better rein on what it is we are currently doing so