

Appropriations Committee tracking where dollars are going, it's within the purview and power of the Governor to set up a system of accountability within his administration so that all dollars are accounted for, isn't it?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Well, yes, but then we also have a Legislative Fiscal Office, where we do our own tracking, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I'm not trying to make him responsible for what the Legislature may or may not do.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: For what he controls, he can set up a system so that he can account for all the expenditures and where every dollars goes, even if department heads come and give a bewildering presentation to the Appropriations Committee?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I won't proceed, at this point I am going to turn my light on again because I didn't finish.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. I just wanted to stand in support of Senator Stuhr's amendment. I think this adds to our...the discussion this morning on making it a little more open process and allowing people to have input during the development of the process. So I would sure support this and think that you should too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Madam President. I stand to support this amendment. I think it's an effort to put some accountability into the process. It will be (inaudible). One thing, I am concerned, it says a position. I'm familiar with now the Department of Social Services has several positions, hundreds or more open. I don't necessarily think that we would need to create a new position. There's probably positions available. When this process takes effect, there will be