

whether I'm right on line with what you're after, but we wanted to be sure that...there's been quite a few concerns that this was going to go well beyond, as I used the combine example or a motor. We wanted to be sure that we fix this problem specifically. If we were to go on, that would have to be another decision in terms of money, and so we were very determined, and I specifically, that we were not going to have another 814, if you know what I mean.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, I'm familiar with the 814 project, but I...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We also have a deadline that we can't really fool around with.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No, Senator, I understand the imperative of making our computers a little smarter so ..

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ..so they recognize the year 2000, but I am going to oppose the amendment because I do not believe it is wise simply to spend 30...projected 30 million dollars to achieve what is a rather narrow focus, even if that is an expressly needed and essential focus, if we could find out while we go through the process that we might be able to get a little bit something else for the same money. That is a lot of money just to spend so that our computers will recognize the year 2000. While you're doing that process, I can't imagine that there aren't things that we could also achieve that would, in fact, improve our ability to collect and retrieve and store and provide information and I'm very much interested in that as an initiative of the Legislature and of the executive branch. So I, at the moment, I would oppose the amendment to the amendment for that reason.

SENATOR WILL: Time. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senators Schrock, Bromm, Vrtiska, Janssen, Cudaback, Lynch, Lindsay, and Hillman.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: How about me? (Laugh)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I better get all my stuff in now 'cause it's going to be awhile before it ever comes back.