

and we're going to spend half the amount of money, we would then be able to direct what they were to do. That is the intent. Because there can be broader applications, some of what I think maybe Senator Wickersham was talking about. We might want to...this fund probably and this setup that we're proposing, mechanism with the committee and so forth, would be in place for other Information Technology issues that we'd...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Would you...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..probably be facing.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Would you oppose an amendment that says after the completion no dollars can be spent except on this particular project and after the completion of that project any such funds remaining must go back into the General Fund, of which case your committee would be able to go back and dollars that are coming back to General Fund and decide how best to appropriate those dollars, whether it be for equalization, education, or other computer, the 814? Would you be opposed to something along that line?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would not oppose that. I...it may be a little more complicated than we would want to be in order to do that because we'll have several different source funds. They may have to go back from whence they came or to the application that they should be applied to. But in theory I would not oppose what you're saying. We are trying to do that very same thing.

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: As I understand your proposal, you would like to be more definitive and I would not oppose that, although as I see it you're just the opposite of what Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right, I understand that. Then the final sentence that I have, I just want to make a general comment. Is it, Senator Wehrbein, I guess it's another question, are we...are the reason that we're putting the dollars in now is because there's so few people out there in the country that have the expertise to do so that we want to make sure and try to be the first on line because otherwise we may be way down the line and not be able to get it done by the year 2000?