

those systems, data processing, CDP, consulting fees and all the rest of it, where it's almost one of those trust me things and that's what really makes it hard to support in some cases. I don't think even a data processing system should be so complicated that it should have to be a trust me kind of a thing. People should be able to explain what we're doing and why we're doing it. I think consultants should have the responsibility of helping us understand exactly what they think it might take. I'm sure there will be some consultants involved who, in fact, have established some of the systems. I am not as familiar or as glib about systems and the language that goes along with data systems, but I can tell you that we know there are things such as laptops. A number of the agencies in the state, obviously, in their request and budget requests, indicated their preference for laptops. As I understand what that means, they really, although some information may have to be stored in a mainframe, the need for the mainframe of the consequence we have now might not be nearly as relevant as it was in the past. I would hope that whatever we do we don't perpetuate what is, in fact, less than cost effective in a system for the state, but in fact with this kind of money a system could be enhanced and developed that would somehow or another, some time or another, be sufficient to function for at least a few minutes. It seems like we never seem to catch up and we always need consultants because there's always new technology. Either this is the greatest con game in the world or we're not smart enough to put our foot down in some cases for it. Once a system is in place and it works, why not just keep it for awhile at least? I am also aware that, unfortunately, tonight there are about 14 people who are excused and I... it's not my job, but I would hope our Chairman Wehrbein would understand that even though I'm not really excited about this thing at all, with that many people missing it's very easy for this not to move tonight. I would hope that for all of you on our 309 Committee and others who are concerned about the whole process, as I am, that you would allow this 1190 to move so that, and with a promise that, including me, we'll try to get as much information as we can. We built a building across the street. It's costing us about 750,000 bucks a year to least, we lease purchase that building to put the mainframe in and it was especially designed and a tunnel was put all the way from this building into that one just to run information back and forth. And it just seems interesting and amazing to me that, I think I told you this before, that I had the chance to be in Japan, that