

where it needs to go, but if we can correct that century date change in something that gets us in a more cost-efficient system altogether we ought to be taking a really serious look at it. I would urge you to take a real close look at this amendment and see if the amendment, and regardless of the 309, whether that's wise policy, is...even if we determine that is wise policy, is this amendment wise policy.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I hesitate somewhat to speak on this subject because I don't consider myself an expert on what is happening here and yet have had some information too. I personally support the amendment. As a matter of fact I, on Appropriations Committee, suggested there be some tightening in the language and the very reason being is that the issue that we're looking at is a problem with the present system and what I had many...several people come to me and look at LB 1190 and were very excited about the fact that we're having a whole new technology funding source out here, that we were going to all kinds of new things in technology and had to explain to several people that that was not what the bill's intent was at all, and so I felt that we needed some wording there for people to understand what it was we were really trying to do here so that they wouldn't have some expectations of this bill that were not going to happen. And I guess, Senator Lindsay, I disagree some in that in reading the amendment that says until the century date change conversion of computer software, hardware and data is satisfactory completed, I don't think that means that if we want to change something out that we can't change it out. The discussion has...that we had in Appropriations Committee to address maybe some of your concerns is about the mainframe and I was one of those that, from the beginning, said, well, why don't we oust the mainframe and do...put in a whole new system; maybe it's time to change it all. And I think as they go through this process there may be some things that we will want to change and I would suggest that you talk to a few people from DAS maybe to get some detailed information on the mainframe. I understand right now it's needed for storage, that even though along with the PCs and everything else, that mainframe is still being used and still is necessary to have the kind of a system that we need. But I guess my thought is that with the Appropriations Committee and the oversight, a lot of the questions that we're having tonight