

because we don't know I think will be answered as we go along and I believe that the agency that has been assigned this task and the Appropriations Committee will continue to have a dialogue as to just what exactly it is we will do as the suggestions and the consultants come down. The other thing that...and we're looking at, Senator Cudaback, who was talking about shopping around, Senator Cudaback, I think we will be shopping around. That's what the RFPs are for. They will go out. There will be, I'm sure, more than one consulting firm or agency that will want to look at what we're doing and so we will have to make those kinds of choices. Those choices will not be made without approval from the Appropriations Committee. As I understand it, we will be having that kind of oversight. There's been some things mentioned about time, do we have to hurry into this? We're already late. It's not so much deciding what we should do. In many instances, as I understand it, they have some idea on how to correct it unless they come up with something new and I don't want to explain this in detail because I don't know how, but there is a chip, as I understand it, that would have to be changed in each of the machines and it's not taking so long to find out what to do, it's taking so long to actually do it. And I have read some articles in other magazines and trade magazines that looked at however many computers you had and for some companies it would take over five years to be able to make that change. Once they even identified the machines and go it going, it would take five years to change the kinds of...to do the kinds of changes they need to make to make that system work. So it's not just a question of saying what do we do and, boom, it happens. I will take a long time to initiate those changes. I don't know of anyone...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ..more than the Appropriations Committee that did not want to have cigarette tax. If you look on the last page of the handout you will see a little bit what happened. And it was about this time of night not many years ago that this body made a policy decision to take four cents of cigarette tax money that could have gone to 309 and decided to build a Civic Center in Omaha and decided to build another prison and that was money that at that point in time they decided they wanted to spend that could also be in 309 money right now today if they had not made that policy choice then. I would urge that you support the amendment and also support the bill.