

I'm trying to do with that is say, no, you know, they can only.. what's left, the amendment would say, they can only use it for this thing and whatever money's left over, you know, goes back to whence it came and, again, the Legislature can decide if they want to give flexibility or not. Other senators may want to go a different direction and provide more flexibility and I understand that, but at least that amendment will be there for that discussion. A couple of comments and then I will...I don't think I'll use my entire time. Senator Wehrbein, you almost convinced me that because of what you say maybe we shouldn't do this at all, and the reason I say that is, you know, the part that you probably read just a little bit too far in the magazine and that part where you said, and then you quickly said, well, that may "da-da-da-var-va", but the part you said that there may be no one left alive that knows it is one that did catch my attention because that, in fact, may be the case. One of the things I'd like to ask or, if not on your own time, if you want...wish to respond at some point, one of the concerns I have is that we're going to spend 28 million dollars and we're going to be working on the system we now have. Okay? If and when we get it fixed, there's no guarantee the person we have coming in will be able to actually fix it. When we get it fixed, hopefully, the computer at that point is going to be so archaic anyway that I assume at some point we're going to have to get into, as Senator Lindsay said, you know, the current century and try to get something that is better than a mainframe technology. That does concern me a little bit. The other thing again that concerns me is that here we are taking monies out of, again, 309 which we all know, or if we don't know I think if people think about it they'll come to the conclusion, that we're going to have to add some extra money, dollars, now General Fund wise to that 309 because what we're taking away is the cigarette tax that we already have obligated to them but we told them they had to wait awhile. Now that they're going to be able to get it, we're going to tell them they have to wait some more. We also are going to be faced at the same time with next year and the year after that are we going to shift taxes? Are we going to do something to help reimburse the political subdivisions, particularly schools and in many cases cities? Are we going to help them and shift the tax? And, at the same time, the federal government is maybe cutting our federal funds because they balanced the budget. I don't know if we're going to have the flexibility to do that in 309 and I don't know if we'll have the flexibility to do the things that we would like to do. And then