

SENATOR ROBINSON: We have water coming down from the ceiling.

SENATOR BROMM: Could I have a gavel, please? (Laugh) But as I was sitting here listening and I was looking at parts of the bill, you know what we are doing here on the floor seems to me that the bill, to some extent, covers Section 9, requires the Director of DAS to present a plan for this to the Legislature by January 1 of '97, and I assume there would be a lot of searching and discussion will go into preparing that plan, and what it seems to me is we are kind of speculating on what that proposal or plan is going to be, whether it is going to be continue the archaic mainframe that we have, or whether we need to...and just update that, or whether we would be better off going with a different system. And so I guess, to me, that answers some of my questions, but then, secondly, if we're going to look at this plan, and this is a three or four year project, I don't quite understand why we have to commit at this point to, and I was reading the fiscal note, to 29 or 30 million dollars until we know more specifically about what we are going to need for this. I mean I think it could be 30 million probably, or it might, maybe it will be 10, I don't know. But, I don't know, Senator Wehrbein, if you'd like to comment on that or use any of my time to make comments on what I said. What I see is, we get a plan. We see what the plan says, and maybe it will be different. When this bill was introduced, by the way, the scope was much larger, and the committee seemed to pare it down, but the fiscal note stayed the same. The fiscal note stayed the same, but when the bill was introduced, the introducer talked about the purpose of this being to provide resources to address, to help state government address issues such as the century date change, decisions on the allocation of the fund would be done by the Governor, and so on, and that's all been changed but we kept the same fiscal note. So I, you know, before we get done with this, I'd sure be interested in looking at paring down the fiscal note to what we think we need for the next year or two, and then take another look at the appropriations. I don't why we have to commit to this until we have this plan before us in detail. Yeah, take the rest of my time to comment on that.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I understand your concern and, perhaps, actually we consider the 28.5 to 30 million fairly accurate for this project at this point. It is true it was introduced