

didn't do anything wrong and yet they're going to be caught in the cross fire. I think their amendment will deal with that. But what really is important here is that we as a Legislature through a task force, I think Senator Withem has had some good suggestions that I'm comfortable with, look at who's going to get the information, who's going to control it, and then allow this Legislature some time to determine what policy choice do we have, for free, for profit, or to do it privately. And...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time. Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. First of all, a "Speakerly" type of comment. I know people are tired. I know people have worked hard. We're at the...into the session, though, where as we leave bills on the table unaddressed and try to come back the next day it becomes increasingly difficult to find the room in the agenda to deal with those. So I hope we can get the amendment down and get this addressed so we can address this bill today. It would be a tremendous help to all of you, believe it or not, in terms of finding the time to get things like your amendments to the budget bill, your bills that are still on General File, other sorts of pieces of unfinished business if we can do that. I'd like to comment on the issue because to me this has been a very intriguing issue to be involved with because it's kind of like to me it's kind of like the old story about the visually impaired individuals, I guess that's a politically correct term to use at this point, visually impaired individuals who happened upon an elephant and based upon what part of the elephant they touched they each saw something different. The person that touched the trunk thought the elephant was like a hose. The one that touched the side of the body thought it was like a wall. The one that touched the leg thought it was like a tree. And the one that touched the tail thought it was like a rope. This issue is very similar because we've had a number of discussions, and I knew Senator Bohlke would be intrigued by that discussion is the reason I brought it up, we've had a lot of discussions in the office and we've had about six or seven people in the office talking about this issue. And each individual seems to see this issue differently. I think Senator Bromm has a very legitimate concern about what's the proper fee for access to state government issues. Senator Hillman has been very concerned about not doing anything that will cut off the access to people