

in Nebraska to this information. Senator Chambers yesterday spoke eloquently in a meeting about we ought not to give up legislative authority. The Legislature ought to be the one setting this policy. I know Senator Robinson has expressed some concerns about the contract. I'm concerned about viewing this as a...viewing this issue as an electronic access issue and focusing on that part of it. What is the added value and added cost for providing this information electronically? I know Senator Brashear has talked about a reinventing government sort of issue. Senator Pirsch has also talked about this process issue that we've been through. Senator Kristensen was there I think for a free lunch, I'm not sure, no, Senator Kristensen has already voiced his concerns on where he saw this. So it is a complex issue. It is one that the Legislature should have had this debate two years ago. We didn't. Our problem is we have a product going forward that many people in the state, businesses and private individuals, are relying upon. At the same conclusion we need to reestablish the Legislature's posture and position in this. I'm hopeful that when we see the amendment that I know Senator Bromm and Senator Hillman have worked on all afternoon, and I appreciate their work, that we will be able to do that. The bill in its current form and the current amendment before us I would not feel comfortable voting for and I would resist because I think it would cut off a lot of the things that are happening. And I have a document here about bill drafter's office, anybody can walk in and get any copy of the bill...a bill from the bill drafter's office for free. Yet we charge individuals \$275 a year ..

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...for first class mailing of these bills. I'm afraid that the current bill would prevent us from doing that. We need to resolve those types of issues. Very quickly, to conclude my conclusions on this, that this process probably was not done properly and that we ought not to validate it and we probably ought not to let the current contract go on for four years as it would currently do. On the other hand, this product is a good product and we ought not to end it without knowing that that product will continue on, that we do need a legislative policy. And finally I would say that passing the bill in its current form would force government to provide this service and that the last thing we need to do is to grow the size of government when there are private individuals willing to