

provide this service on the outside. Those are the issues as I see them. I know I raced through that and I'm sure we'll get more opportunity to discuss those. I would not support this amendment, but I would urge you to look very favorably upon the amendment as it comes down from bill drafter's.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to take a moment and ask the body to refer to a chronology of events that has been handed out. It's a rather long sheet to put this in perspective so that I can show you how very far behind the curve we are with this bill. The system we're using in Nebraska really originated in Kansas as the Information Network of Kansas. And they started that in about April of 1990. On October 1 of '92, completely unrelated to that, the Nebraska Library Commission, with some grant money and also a grant from the telephone companies and a federal grant, started the Nebrask(at) Online service which has provided some services to the citizens of Nebraska in terms of electronic access and that on-line service continued until the contract with Nebrask(at) Interactive in '95. In '93, there's a memo in the packet of orange material to the Governor, Policy Research, and the Department of Economic Development pertaining to electronic access to state public information via a fee-based system and referring to the Kansas, Inc. system. In March of '93, Jeff Frazer who is with the Nebraska company and also with the Kansas company "demoed" the Kansas system for Nebraska and a proposal was submitted to the Governor. On April 19 of '93, we had the Chris Hoy memo which I already mentioned to you which is the number three item in our orange packet asking for legal opinion on doing this. Only is the Boyle opinion. September 27 of '93 there was a meeting, led by Maxine Moul from DED to discuss Nebrask(at) Online and government supported electronic information resources. Then in January of '94 our colleague, Senator Preister, introduced an LB 1359 which was intended to deal with electron access to information. While that bill was pending, a group consisting of a number of state agency people from Nebraska government calling themselves the Nebraska Information Consortium visited Topeka, Kansas, to see the Information Network of Kansas system. On March 5 of '94, there was an editorial referring to this matter quoting Don Macke from state government about entering into this type of situation and I have that editorial. December 9 of '94 bid proposals were