

their bid proposal. The company that in effect came to Nebraska to set ours up also knew that they should get Nebraska legislative approval. I would then go on from that beginning to the next addition on my chronology and I won't run through all of these, but I think you're beginning to get the message. In July of '93, legal counsel, Mike Boyle, gave his opinion to Chris Hoy also stating that it was his opinion that legislative oversight...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...legislative approval should also be secured. That opinion was taken but apparently was decided not to be used. Following that in January of 1994, I introduced a bill that would provide for electronic access of all of our legislative information and once again, the Library Commission was aware of that bill, could have come forward with a proposed piece of legislation to get the authority. They didn't. I had my staff in February, Pete Castellano, initiate contact with the Library Commission to find out their position on the legislation. They also were invited to attend the public hearing on the legislation and did attend but declined to testify, declined to take a position and...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you. I want to talk for a moment about an item in the orange packet which is item number 12 which is an AG Opinion rendered to Senator Warner February 2 of 1996. And you might think that somehow I got this in the wrong bill here since that deals with DEQ and probably has something to do with my 1226 priority bill or it could have. But I refer you to that opinion because it really emphasizes why it's so very, very important for this body to take some action in this session. On page 2 of that opinion, it says when the Legislature does not enact legislation to alter an administrative agency's interpretation of a statute, the courts have construed the Legislature's decision not to alter the agency's interpretation as lending support to the agency's position. The Nebraska Supreme Court has held that administrative agency's