

contract which provides for a fee greater than allowed by state law shall be terminated on January 31, 1998. A prior amendment that you saw in the Journal had July of '97 in that place. We have settled on July 31, '98, and I'll expand just a little bit on the rationale for that. This bill contains a task force to look at the overall policy of accessing electronic information. That task force will convene after this session and will hopefully conclude its work by the end of this year and have legislation recommended for 1997. That legislation hopefully will be passed that will set in motion the policy that we're comfortable with for accessing public records by electronic means. By the time that legislation becomes effective, it will be the middle of '97 probably, if not later '97. And if there's going to be a change in the way we're providing these records, it's probably not very practical to make that change and still continue services without any significant disruption before January of '98. January 31 of '98 also happens to be the termination...the ending date of the original contract entered into between the Library Commission and Nebrask(at) Interactive, Inc. It was to run to January 31, '98. In January of '96, the Library Commission utilized their option to extend that contract that was to end in '98 to the year 2000, to January 31 of 2000. This would cut that back by two years and end that contract January 31 of '98. Section 4 is a little bit different than what you've seen before in that it provides that again the contracts that are allowed to continue shall end by January 31, '98, whereas we had '97 in that slot before. And then we've added this language. There was some real nervousness on the part of Senator Hillman and others that the oversight and review that we're providing for the Executive Board to have here could result in a disruption of the contract or the services or they might unilaterally want to change the fees abruptly or something. So we've tried to...we've said that "The review by the Executive Board of a contract in existence on the effective date of this act under Section 3 of this act shall be limited to the quality of services provided, the security of the public records" which is a whole issue we haven't even talked about yet, very important issue, "any proposed increases in fees for services initiated by the parties to the contract and any expansion or reduction in the level of services provided as of the effective date of this act." Those are parameters that the Executive Board in reviewing a contract in existence at the effective date of this act...would...their review would be limited to that...to those subject areas. Now, you know, in the