

senators and thought maybe that should extend into '97 to some extent and that's an amendment we can maybe consider at some point in time. You know, this amendment I'm sure that some of the opponents of this bill are not extremely happy with because it does terminate this existing contract and that's a tough pill to swallow when you have a company that's for all practical purposes had a signed contract that should go to the year 2000. But you have to...we have to ask ourselves from a public policy standpoint shouldn't we be at some point in the driver's seat to make a decision on whether or not this is the best arrangement for the people of Nebraska. Is this the most economical way to deliver the records? Is the profit division the most fair? I can tell you that the Kansas profit division is different than Nebraska. Some would say that they prefer Nebraska's division of profits, but I can tell you I've talked with the people in Kansas and they are...the state is receiving a considerable amount of money and they actually receive 25 percent...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...of the profits. And in Nebraska, basically we're getting 2 percent of the revenue to the Library Commission and the Library Commission has an opportunity to direct the private company to use up to 25 percent of the profits to help expand technology from that standpoint. I will conclude with that and I will invite Senator Hillman and others to make comments on this amendment. I really wanted to say publicly Senator Hillman has been very conscientious about helping me try to find a solution on this thing. And this may not be the final solution and she and I have agreed that we may either one find problems with this before Select File and we either one are free to raise questions or amendments at Select File. We are not bound in blood to this amendment from now to the end of...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...passage of the bill so I want to clarify that. I think that's her understanding as well. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. For discussion on the Bromm amendment we have Senator Beutler followed by Robinson, Hillman, Bromm, Kristensen, Witek, Pirsch, Chambers and Preister. Senator Beutler.