

of fees, fees we may set in statute for municipalities or counties or any political subdivisions, are all of those fees still outside of the scope of what you've investigated so far?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, they are, Senator Beutler, and I think...I would hope that what you're delving into is another area that the task force would look at in their interim study of the whole fee area.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Third question, the fact of monopoly, is that something that evolves once somebody has handled the records of a particular office for a period of time? I mean I assume that there will be some bidding process that will probably evolve out of all of this, that is if we're going to give free interplay to private enterprise to deal in these matters.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But is that bidding process, is that meaningful after a while? I mean after somebody has handled the records for ten years, does a bidding process have any meaning? Or do we end up having to call it a monopoly and having to have somebody like the Public Service Commission or some agency like that overlook the fee structure as we do in other areas? I don't know the nature of these...I don't know the nature of the business well enough to know how that works.

SENATOR BROMM: A very brief comment. It is changing so rapidly and there are others who would be interested in providing the service and I suspect as time evolves there will be more and more competitors for this kind of private public partnership, if you will. It's not going to be unique to one company.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, as you know, the hearing was in the Government, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee. And I want you to know there was some great concern by the members of the committee on a number of the