

things that were said in the hearing. And that there was no problem at all, it was very unanimous because they were very concerned about comments made in the hearing that the members of the...people that work for government was bypassing the Legislature. In fact, I even felt and I know other people in the committee felt there was sort of a touch of arrogance by one person; but that's been touched on a number of times by the person from the Library Commission. He admitted two or three times that they should have gone to the Legislature. Mr. Boyle's name has been mentioned. In the one letter I think it's mentioned four times that he says, he states that this should have gone to the Legislature. And I guess what concerned me at the hearing was that I asked the question several times, who was involved in the process of obtaining the company that finally came to the...to be awarded the contract? And I had a hard time...I never really did get the names of the people. And I asked the question, was DAS involved? Were they told? And they were told but can you believe there wasn't anyone from DAS at that hearing? I couldn't believe there wasn't anyone from DAS there to talk about the involvement of the executive branch because I really thought there should have been. The bidding process...and I have some problems about how it all came together, how the people were chosen on this one group. And as you know, there's been a lot of positive comments about the people that are running the system; but I have some problems, as Senator Withem mentioned, on how those people were chosen, how did they find out the bid was out there? How widespread was the advertisement of bids and so forth? And I think that's something in the future we should discuss. There's some things that we should do and I think it's covered in this amendment that the Legislature should get control of the fees and any future groups that come under the process. I don't think we should cut off the system. I think if we come to the point that we don't...we should bid the system, fine, but we should make sure that the people...that the people of Nebraska who are the customers of this should not have the information cut off from them. And there were people in the...Alan Peterson from, I think it's Nebraska Media he represents, he was very upset on what had taken place; and he just couldn't believe what he had been hearing at the session or, excuse me, at the hearing. But I think we're on the right track and I want to compliment the people that were at...that have met two or three times, Senator Withem, Senator Kristensen, Senator Bromm, Senator Chambers, and myself. I think one thing, though, that should be said and