

stores, although a lot of it is contributed by counties and perhaps other government entities, that's not necessarily a state entity, but we deposit that information, and it's been collected with tax money. And at that point I'm saying, yes, that the...that should be free information. The thing we get into next though is the charges for distribution and what that could mean. And one of my concerns then is when I look at charges for distribution, serving on Appropriations Committee and the kind of investment that I think the state is willing to make and being able to provide that kind of information. I go back a little bit on Appropriations Committee and looking at requests from the Nebraska Library Commission, and 1993-95 (sic) budget year, where they had asked for...there was a grant funding for the Nebraska Development Network, where on-line originated, to support the cost that was estimated at \$21,000 for each year. And the balance of the communications costs comprised \$4,000 annual General Fund budget. And while the Governor recommended the full funding of the agency's Nebraska on-line request, the Appropriations Committee included no funding for the request. And we did that in the following budget year. And finally, the Library Commission came and said, well, they needed a cash fund expenditure, and though we weren't too certain as to how were the charges and what the charges would be, how that would come down, we did go ahead and gave them a cash authority to spend so much cash. So my feeling was whatever that system is, it's going to be very difficult for the state to fund it, because we've not had a very good track record in looking at the kinds of equipment that would be needed. That aside, then looking at what 1375 did, agreed totally with Senator Bromm, that we needed some...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...type of a system and a criteria whereby we're going to develop what those guidelines are going to be. And in looking at what other states have done and some of the information that's been provided for us through Legislative Research, probably Florida has one of the most expanded and detailed structures that we've been able to find out there. The second part that I had some very strong concerns with, and this I'll talk about in another time or elaborate on, and that's access to service being in western Nebraska. This particular service is used and it's used widely in western Nebraska because of our distances and the kind of information that we need. We