

be an issue as the task force moves on, if the amendment as proposed by Senator Hillman and Senator Bromm is adopted, for a couple of reasons, one of which that private industry may be better equipped to provide those services. But the fee that the customer pays, I believe, must be established by this body. So that means that this amendment, if that becomes 1375, is the foundation for the body of the Legislature next session to modify our public records statutes in a manner that insure the continuation of services that, as Senator Hillman mentioned, are so valuable, new but extremely valuable to people that live some distance from Lincoln, and certainly for those businesses in Lincoln that do a lot of transactions with the state of Nebraska. But the Legislature, my friends, I believe, has to stay in the position of determining those fees. I think...I am confident...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...that this body will in fact make the necessary adjustments. Other states have done it, we can. We can do it in a way that's not going to bust our budget, quite probably will result in privatization or continuation of privatization. But the citizens of Nebraska will have the assured protection of action by this body in establishing the fees, and what we'll probably be looking at is how those fees are divided between government and the private vendor rather than passing an additional burden onto the citizens. Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Bromm, for your time.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I'm going to apologize before I start into this that I'm not going to do philosophy right now, I'm going to do the actual work of the amendment because I'm just a little remedial at the moment, after reading the amendment. So, Senator Bromm, I know your voice is...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bromm, will you yield?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...a little stressed, but would you please help me work through this. I want to... Section 3 and Section 4, I've read them now in the last 20 minutes probably 7