

right now, that's not the point. This is a three or four year expenditure of \$30 million or more, and that's...that's a lot of delegation of authority to give to a person who may or may not even be the same person that's there right now. My amendment would amend line 19 of Section 8 on page 5 of the committee amendments, and it would read, the director shall develop and recommend to the Legislature and the Governor enterprise goals, guidelines and priorities, develop and recommend, which is, in my opinion, somewhat different than developing and approving, and then just advising us that he's implementing them. I think there's a significant difference. And we're not talking about a small potato here. We're talking about a significant amount of money and, again, we're talking about a direction that this state is going to perhaps take in the area of infrastructure technology. The century change is pretty well focused. We know what we're talking about, I think, or we don't know how much money or how we're going to do it exactly, but we have some idea of where we're going with that. But when it comes to other enterprise-wide goals, guidelines and priorities for information technology infrastructure, it seems to me we should have some...a little bit more opportunity to respond to a recommendation in that area. Now, my amendment also goes on to page 6, line 4, which says that the director shall evaluate and approve any contracts between the department and other state agencies, boards, or commissions, or outside vendors, which will achieve the goals and purposes of the Information Technology Infrastructure Act. I don't know if we're looking at a bidding process. I don't know who's going to approve the RFP for sure. I'm a little gun-shy because of, a few hours ago, trying to figure out how to bring a...how to bring a termination to a contract that was entered into that we certainly had no input in, but which we are affected by. And so, I'm wanting to at least discuss the parameters of the authorities we're giving the DAS director, what our intentions are and whether or not we can have any input into when the horse leaves the barn and where the horse goes. The amendment on page 6, line 4 would strike the word "approve" which means the director shall approve, and it would read, the director shall evaluate and recommend for approval any such contracts between the department and so on. Then I add a sentence at the end of subsection (5), it says, "Any contract between the department and others, except outside vendors, shall be subject to the approval of the Governor. And any contract between the department and an outside vendor shall be subject to the approval of the Appropriations Committee of