

be for a profit benefit, or how we're going to go about that. A lot of the same questions that we have incurred on 1375 and the discussion on those contracts that have already been signed here, and we find out after the fact that these contracts have been signed, that they haven't had any oversight by any attorneys that all of this is occurring. Then we come to 1190, and I see just a huge proliferation of the exact same thing happening, and I don't want to see that happen. I know that this is probably not the perfect way to have oversight, but the Appropriations Committee, at this time, has oversight over almost \$4 billion in their two-year budget, very careful oversight, much more so than any of the rest of us on this floor. So I will vote for the Bromm amendment because this is the group of the Legislature who look after a lot of the money areas, the budget areas in the executive branch. And it's come to a point now where do we just hand over the \$30 million and say, do whatever you want with it, and some of the decisions that are being made are not necessarily in the best interests of the people of the state of Nebraska, or do we say we would like to have more approval over...over what type of contracts are being signed, over the cost of the release of that information, and in this area on how much money is spent on the technology...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...changes and how it's spent. If they're the ones who are watching the budget and, as Senator Bromm and I had a discussion, there may be better ways to expend this money, but they're dealing in other areas maybe where they don't see the overall perspective that the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature sees, then I think they're making decisions that are too narrow to each and every department. And there has to be some oversight. Since there's no necessary leadership being shown in the executive branch either in those areas, somebody has to pick up the ball here. And I think you see an attempt here by some senators who are trying to pick up the ball and put together some policy. If we need more time on 1190, then I say we bracket the bill and take the time over the interim, 'cause we've got some time between the year 2000 and decide how we best want to do this. Maybe that's what we need to do is bracket this bill...

SENATOR WILL: Time.