

of DAS would go ahead and continue to act in accordance with the guidelines and priorities for the information technology infrastructure?

SENATOR WILL: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: I think that would give the Legislature and the Governor an opportunity to respond and react to the recommendation of the Director of DAS.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: In what kind of a time frame?

SENATOR BROMM: We're not specifying a time frame. We'll have, during the course of this project we'll have legislative sessions in '97, '98, and '99, so we would certainly have opportunities to deal with any recommendations, not that we would have to take them up on the floor, but if the Appropriations Committee or any other senators had real problems with the goals that were recommended, we probably could do something about it. The way it reads now, Senator Wickersham, I'm concerned that the director not only can decide what the goals are, they can just go ahead and implement them before we even have any chance to respond.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay, I think what you're concerned about, Senator, is the interim, from what you're saying. Your language is silent as to which part of the Legislature the recommendation ought to go to, who would have authority to accept or reject the recommendations on behalf of the Legislature. I know that in general the Exec Board has authority to act for the Legislature while we're outside of session. Your amendment isn't explicit in that regard, that may be what you have in mind, I'm not sure. But certainly, Senator, I would suggest that if the Director of DAS develops and approves enterprise-wide goals and guidelines that are not in keeping with what the Legislature's review might deem appropriate, it would certainly be possible to introduce legislation next year to change that. The Appropriations Committee could very well remove funding for specific aspects that didn't meet with their approval, for example. It seems to me to be problematic to make this a function of the Legislature when we're not in session. I have considerable confidence in the Chair of the Exec Board and the individual members of the Exec Board. But I do have a real concern about whether or not they want to meet weekly, monthly and begin to address what I