

kind of an amendment does indirectly relate to that. You know, for example, if we can't take care of the buildings we got now and afford it can we afford to update a system every three or four years? Should we get some commitment that as far as maintenance is concerned and as far as its economic life is concerned a data processing system also has to compare with the construction of a building, has to be justified and has to have some kind of reasonable economic life? Why not. Why do we think they're different? They're not different. So I would stand up to support the...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...Vrtiska amendment. I think that it's important for us to point out, make a... what do you say, make a statement, we make a statement by an amendment like this rather than shaving off half our hair and dying the other side red and putting three earrings in our nose. This is a better kind of a statement to make. And I think it's a good statement to make and I will support the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham, I expected to see you come out there, the phone booth, with a big S on your chest, ready to do battle here on this. There you go.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: (Laugh.) Thank you, Mr President, for being so perceptive to realize that I was in the phone booth and that wasn't a new tie. But at any rate, I want to comment briefly. I agree with Senator Lynch...the thrust of Senator Lynch's amendment. I think the funding source that we are attempting for this project is indeed problematic. I sincerely wish that we had had General Funds available for this project. But I understand that the Appropriations Committee is the proper venue for making those decisions. Senator Lynch I'm sure fully participated in those debates and we can't remake the budget here on the floor. And we do need to show some deference to our committee decisions and the way that they arrive at those decisions. But I am uncomfortable about that. I do want to, just very briefly, I want to note that I perhaps misspoke in conversations with Senator Cudaback and Senator Bromm that my