

amendment would be to take this one year at a time rather than committing to a 30 million or 28 million dollar, whatever the total package is. That seems like good business to me. I don't know, you know, if you got three or four years to go or two or three years to go that that might be possible. I'm not suggesting we turn back the clock on technology. I know we're stuck with it, just like we are with vent-away toilets as I relate to Senator Crosby's, about inside plumbing and outside plumbing. I can understand all that, but on the other hand you just don't have to spend money when you're not quite (inaudible)...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time, Senator. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, very briefly, I obviously oppose this amendment. I know it's very painful to spend any money on this particular issue and I understand that very well. Three-o-nine is critical. I'm on that committee also and I cannot disagree with anything that has been said by the other members of the committee. I can stretch, I guess, to say that I think this is infrastructure too. It's something that has to be done. Either we do it this way or we take money out of General Fund and allocate for that over the next few years until this is corrected. Hopefully, it will not take all this amount of money. Hopefully, there truly is a magic bullet out there, that some insist that there is. We will find that out in these requests for proposals. They will be phased. There will be phases of that as part of the bidding process so that we can determine what we will have to spend and what we won't, depending on what different vendors allow for. So, until we find a better way, until there's probably a general willingness to spend General Fund money, I'm satisfied to use the cigarette tax fund, albeit temporarily, and if we don't have to use it we will not into the future. But at this point I think it's incumbent that we move forward on this, we get the process in gear, start this process so that we can be ready when the year 2000, December 31st, midnight, we truly roll in to the year 2000. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, member of the body. I forgot to ask Senator Wehrbein one question. I'd just like to ask you a question real quick. I don't want to take a whole