

wanted to try to get as much life out of it as you could and you knew you had to get into the year 2000 then you, you know, is government different, I guess we can afford whatever it takes? I don't think we ought to be that way. I think we ought to spend what we have to fairly and reasonably and sensibly to get the job done and I don't know if 28 million dollars is right or fair or not. It could be that 10 million dollars is enough, or 16, but we don't know that. We're just assuming we're going to allocate this money until we get the job done. Anybody want to bet me here today that somehow if we allocate this, if this bill passes like it is with 28 million dollars over 4 years and whatever the source of funds, that 28 million bucks will be spent? Right? Sure. You know that and I know that. Let's not allow an issue as important and as sensitive as the infrastructure that Senator Wehrbein points out to as our data systems force us into doing business any differently than we would if we were responsibly doing it for ourselves and for our own companies and for our own families. And in this case, you know, you need consultants because it's so complicated. It's so complicated because the consultants made it that way and the consultants made it that way so they could suck the living financial blood out of your lives as long as they can. Hate to say that, but it's true. It would be wonderful to have a system in place that we could use for a few years anyhow and if, in fact, a crisis exists now for the year 2000, I can imagine the crisis that will exist as we get into the year, into the generation 2000. A lot of us won't be around. .

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...legislatively at least, we hope, but on the other hand...on the other hand, for those people that follow us and haven't learned from any kind of example or experience we have at the present time, we should at least offer them opportunity to know the difference. That's why we're having a study in Appropriations regarding consultants, and I'm grateful for that. So, with that, I would respectfully thank you for your patience and your time in debating these issues, which I think in the long run served a good purpose and we will revisit some of these issues on Select File, and withdraw this amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lynch, did I understand you're withdrawing the amendment?