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Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you. This is Amendment 4192 on page 1662 and this is compilation of some of the issues that were discussed on the floor. It...the first part under Section 7, the "expenditures from the fund shall be limited to the century date change conversion of computer software, hardware, and data." It "may include replacement of existing computer software or hardware if the scope of such replacement is determined to be the most cost-effective alternative to achieve the satisfactory completion". The other part says that before a "contract between the department and an outside vendor", that's the outside vendor, "is entered into pursuant to the Information Technology Infrastructure (Act), the department shall hold a public hearing on the proposed contract and advise the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature of the hearing and proposed contract." Recall also it says also in the statute the Appropriations Committee will meet quarterly to over...for update on this issue so we are kept advised as to what the progress of this issue is as we go through the summer. The other one is we change on page 13, we change a "shall" to "may", which means the Legislature will not automatically reaffirm the expenditures in this area, but we may. And so it does give the...we will go through the appropriations process again next year to reaffirm it is not going to be automatic as we expend the money for whatever the proposals are, it will not be automatic over the next three years but we will reaffirm. In a way it's redundant because we really do reaffirm, but this will be a reappropriation for that year-to-year rather than automatic. And the last one is it repeals the Lindsay amendment, and that is the wording having to do with much of what is covered in the first paragraph under Section 7. This is replacement language for the Lindsay amendment. And we have gone back to the language as viewed in Section 7. And so with that, if there's any questions or anyone else wants to comment, I'll turn my time back this time, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I just want to rise briefly in support of this amendment. We worked...Senator Wehrbein and others worked since last Thursday or so to try to