

April 1, 1996

LB 1190A

members, I want to withdraw it, then just to let you know though and alert you all that there will be another amendment that has already been given to the Speaker and the Clerk's desk that will be considered, hopefully, on Select. What it does is strikes the sections that appeals...that addresses the 309 responsibilities that develop some language which clarifies and commits those funds in the future. And for those people that are on the 309 Committee, we tried twice to get together and we were unable to do it, and one of the reasons I withdrew the amendments this morning was to give them a chance and give us a chance as a committee to sit down and understand exactly where we're at now as it gets through General File and where we should go from here. We...we also want to make sure that in the future, someone won't come along with another good idea and raid these funds for whatever that good idea might be. We need this language to keep that from happening. I can't think of any other crisis, possible crisis unless we have to do the same thing again and I...the way I feel about these kinds of systems and data processing that'll get us into the year 2005, maybe we might have to spend another \$30 million to do that, I'm not sure. But that's one of the problems with these systems, we never know for sure. I'd like to see, for example, somewhere or another, some kind of a...some kind of a performance bond, much like when you put the plumbing in a building or the steel structure, whatever it might be, to guarantee that in fact there be some kind of economic life for this building of at least 30 years, 40 years. Probably can't do that with the new technology, but we get led around, as far as I'm concerned, with this kind of technology, never knowing for sure when enough is enough, never getting a system in place that lasts us more than, it seems, five or six years. Now I know we're operating with software, the chance to get this shot in, and I will get it then I will shut up. We're operating a software that goes back to the 1980s. Well, sometimes we don't know the difference whether we're just want to protect that kind of a system so we can protect the mainframe so we can continue to pay that \$750,000 lease we got on the building that houses the mainframe, and I could go on, but I won't. But those kinds of things have to be addressed, I think, as we pursue and proceed with this kind of a responsibility. And I also think that we have to revisit not only every year this issue, but we have to have some kind of a sign-off by the Legislature before commitments are made for further contracts. That will all be addressed in future amendments on Select File. Thank you very much. And so I

14705