

are spending 6 or 7 thousand dollars to be more mechanical, and I don't know about the rest of you, but I can't remember a heck of a lot more than I have to remember already. If I have to recall something, it's not really something I can't call my office for and get the information immediately, and if it is going to cost us about 7 thousand bucks apiece, why don't you just make it 48 senators instead of 49 senators and call that fellow in California that is giving us all this good advice, and tell him to go back to selling silicon, or what is it, that valley out there where they created all this monstrosity to begin with. With all due respect, I know Roger means well when he says we should modernize. Some people think modernizing is term limits, for example, that has nothing to do with data processing. I am not quite sure what this will do. I am not quite really sure we need it. I notice we can get into the year 2000 without changing the system or spending a lot of money, but I'd be willing to bet that before the year 2000 comes along, there will be a new generation of laptops or "hiptops" or whatever it might be that we could be using. I'm not quite sure what we really gain from all of this, what information we will share with each other. Does that mean when three or four of you over there on the Republican corner that, with conservatives, put some kind of package together, you are going to put on a machine so those of us who are kind of...kind of progressives and in the middle over here would like to know what's going on. I don't think so. You know, I don't think that's going to happen, is it? No, not really. What kind of information are we going to share, the same information we get already from the staff who does a pretty good job, I think, to tell you the truth. I think this is a half a million bucks that we are just blowing again because we think it is cute, fancy, and it makes some people think we are smarter than we really are.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. I don't know how to follow that, Senator Lynch. I just wanted to explain my vote. I, personally, have a lot of respect for the Legislature and the people within it, and I think we need to modernize and do keep moving so that we can process information faster, but I am going to vote red on it in spite of that, and I guess maybe I hope that it'll pass, but I am going to vote red because I just simply cannot vote; as we will do on the property