

would want to give up the PC that's in your office? Or your staff would? That's something like we're at. There were comments made certainly that were heartfelt, but I remember when plumbers threaded all their pipes by hand, and I don't remember the last time that I've seen that happen; remember when automobiles had all manual transmissions and automatic transmissions would never work. Remember? A few of you with senatorial hair might remember those days of the Rocket 88 and the hydromantic transmission and it would never work. All we're talking about in this issue, and bear in mind we have not...we have not made the final decision. A lot depends upon going through your comments and analyzing those. We're talking about this magnificent new technology which is composed of a television set, a typewriter, and a telephone in one unit. Big deal. This isn't a Buck Rogers system. It's a closed system that if it's designed properly and that's what I'm doing, why I was interested in it, became interested in it, a system that the least knowledgeable among us relative to the operation of a computer can operate successfully to our own advantage and to the body's advantage. I don't know that the discussion this evening even was about the \$79,685, but was a conversation on where we go from here. There may be enough money lying around without the \$79,685, I don't know. If it's a vote on Chamber automation, that's one thing. You certainly have to use your own good judgment on what you want to do. When I look in the governing magazines and look at the hundreds...or not hundreds, the millions of dollars that some other states' automation systems have cost, this one, because of the absolutely super tremendous work and talent and skill that we're fortunate to have in computer...in our Computer Services Division is, if you want it, it's a bargain basement price. I indicated it to you that we don't know with absolute certainty until an RFP is issued and replies are returned from the various vendors what the cost might be. But there will not be one cheaper. By doing all of the equipment at once, which is the current plan, that equipment is not going to suffer the obsolescence that it would if we phased in a little at a time because you're guaranteeing that you'll have a system that won't fit. This system properly designed, and I believe it is, will serve this Legislature as long as the functional operation of the mechanics of the hardware would work.

SENATOR WESELY: One minute.