

death certificates, which aren't on line right now but may have the opportunity. The issue isn't what do we do with those records in terms of keeping them because we have them. We either have them because of statute, we have them because of necessity because of necessity because we need them for our own usage. For example, the driver's license records, those are still accessible, and you'll hear that debate today that there's a charge of three dollars now and it's exclusively you can only get it from one company. Well, that's not exactly true. Today you can still walk down to the Department of Motor Vehicles. You can still request a driver's record, you can still get it on paper, and you can still get it for the two dollars because that's what our statute allows. If you want to get it electronically if you're sitting out in Eddyville, Nebraska, and you don't want to drive to Lincoln or you don't want to mail and wait for the turnaround time and you have a computer you can get that record electronically for three dollars, one more dollar than it would cost you to mail or to show up in person to get that. And so what the issues today are, who's going to control that access and how are we going to do this? Do we have state government create our own computer services for every agency and do that, or do we privatize it and have a third party? Now we're talking about taking that information and making it available to people by use on a computer and if you're in Lincoln it probably isn't that big a deal because most of these records are...when you're downtown for some other reason you can get it. But if you're in the rest of the state and you really do need some access to those records or would like them or it's convenient, you're willing to pay a premium. Whatever that is I don't know, and perhaps some of that's market-driven. But what we're talking about now is we need to begin to, as a state, take a hold and decide what public records we have. That's what this task force is designed to do, is to, one, decide what all the records are, what's available, and who has contracts. We've had contracts for on-line services for a number of years. Some of them have been AGNET, for example. Department of Roads have been doing it, for example. We've had a number of people out there doing it. What did occur is that the Nebraska Library Commission, I think and the Government Committee, I don't see Senator Robinson but I think would agree readily, probably met with the disfavor of the Government Committee for the practices they used in obtaining a contract with one of these providers. Again, we're not talking about the information we keep. We're talking about giving it to people and how we do that. And so