

appropriating a specific sum of money to help us with that. There's a lot of information out there about putting records on-line and electronic transmission, and there are things to look at that other states are doing. There are a couple of seminars this summer that I know some of the members of the body are going to attend, so I think we're going to bring expertise to the table or at least we're going to find out where to get some answers and that sort of thing. So I do hope we can strike the \$50,000. As an interesting note as we delve into this subject, I had sent to me a clipping from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which I thought was really interesting and I just wanted to point it out to you. It's on this orange sheet. And apparently in that state they award monthly an award that they call "the public be damned award." And they awarded it to the Fairview Township supervisors because they passed a resolution that said anyone wanting to make photocopies of township records would pay \$25 in advance for the first hour and \$10 for every hour thereafter. Anyone wanting to make copies of the township records using the township copier would be \$1.50 per page. If they wanted to bring in their own copier, they would have to pay a fee of \$1 per page for locating the records and providing electricity for their own copier. And they had to make the township secretary advised 14 days in advance if they wanted the records. So that's a good example of what I think we do not want to do and we are trying to consider the public with this legislation. The pattern and the trend and the course that we take in establishing a policy for electronic transmission of records will be with us for a long, long time. I'm convinced of that. I'm convinced that that is the way of the future. That is the way we will be putting out information to the public, and that is why it is so vitally important, I remind the body again, so vitally important...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...that we have some policy in place, where we have some constraints as we have exercised in the past with regard to those records that people had to have such as the motor vehicle records, such as the Secretary of State records. We have seen fit to place a fee in statute because those are records that are not optional for people. Those are records that if you're going to do certain things, you have to have those records. You have to have a certified copy of them in some cases. And so because they are a must, we have specified a