

money to many, many people because the distances affect the access. What Senator Withem is proposing here with his amendment I think is very valuable. And though I think we have some good expertise in the state, I think we're dealing with an issue that may require a specialist. And in that case, I think it's good that he has the \$50,000 that it could be very helpful for a consultant. Again, because it's not something that too many people have or many states have dealt with in the past, I know that Legislative Research has come up with the statutes in Florida which is one of the first states that have put some things in place and they've been helpful. Whether or not there's enough information out there for our current staffing, in-house staffing, to be able to solve the problem or, again, if we would (interruption)...

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SENATOR HILLMAN: ...turn to a specialist to help us do that, I think that's something that's warranted. I don't know of...there's a lot of issues that are very, very important to us here in the state, but this one, in looking at access to information and what that can mean to our citizens across the state, a \$50,000 investment seriously is not that big an investment when we look at the type of problem that they're having here in what the system will look like when it comes to charges for the access to information, be it in hard copy, electronically, distance, close by, all those issues are going to affect it; and for that reason, I would support the Withem amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Kristensen to speak to the Withem amendment to the Withem amendment. Senator Bromm to speak to the Withem amendment to the Withem amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I appreciate the amendment to the amendment that Senator Withem has offered. I think again after speaking with some of the people that we spoke with in framing the bill and as we've worked with it the last couple of months, I'm confident we will have help from those state agencies that can provide expertise in formulating this policy. So I'm comfortable without the \$50,000. We have...I