

might to ahead and speak to another point I guess and that is what kind of money could the state expect to invest in developing a system if we were to want to do this in the future. We have had...we have taken a look at it to some extent. We've had a couple of people look at the system that's in place. We have had an accountant take a look at the investment of the company that's now performing the services, and it appears to us that the amount of money that would be required from a financial standpoint to set up such a process would not be that great. Outside of the software that has been brought in by the company that is performing the services, about \$120,000 in cash to get the thing set up is about what it looks like to us has been invested. A value is placed on the software which was fairly extensive value of two hundred some thousand dollars. I am told by people that have a lot more expertise than I do, which I don't really profess to have much of any in the computer area at all, that the software, if the state or an agency would undertake this type of project, is not that uncommon, not that difficult to obtain and to develop. So I guess those are the things that remain to be examined further by the task force. But we're talking about spending \$50,000 to examine the question. I'm saying I don't think we need to do that because I think in fact the system can be set up for something more than that but not a great deal more than that if we decide to try to undertake this operation. We have...I think I...how much time do I have, Madam President?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator, there is two minutes remaining.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. As we tried to develop a compromise on this thing, the issue boiled down to one point. We had agreed on General File to a termination date of January 31, '98. I have received a copy of a letter from the primary company that's involved with the library contract indicating that they will not challenge that termination date nor sue the state for any damages. I have received a copy of a letter I guess to that effect. The issue boiled down to what do we do in the next year and a half? And as you know, on General File we had a system of oversight by the Exec Board which the Attorney General rendered an Opinion on, said we could not delegate that authority and we were nervous about that when we drafted it on General File. So that has to come out of the bill so what do we do then, and that's where we've had difficulty finding a solution. The amendment...