

recognized more. I think the contribution that can be made on this task force with input to create and evaluate what we're currently doing or should be doing with electronic access is going to be a welcome one at that. The money I think is really not needed because I think we have capable people. We have insight and knowledge and we don't have to hire those outside people and can still get a good evaluation and good input. So I am glad that the amendment to the amendment has been proposed. And as someone who has all along since introducing some legislation in '94 thought that the public should have access to public information without an additional fee, I am continuing to be supportive of 1375 and continuing to be concerned about the process of how we got to the point where we now have an out-of-state vendor who is providing service at an enhanced fee which concerns me. I think the bill itself begins to address that. I prefer its original version to the amended, amended, amended version that we're coming up with now. But I will support some of these amendments in the spirit of compromise knowing that we're winding down at the end of the session and seeing some of my colleagues, including one who just rose off of his knees after apparently lobbying someone else, I think the spirit of compromise is at hand. And I will in good faith continue to do that except to the point of mitigating all of what we're attempting to do in 1375 itself. But I think that people will be able to continue access and as Senator Hillman has concerns about that in her district, I share those concerns, think we need to continue providing that access. But I also think we need to look at the policy and the whole policy issue of how this came to be, and we need to decide that in the body. And the input that we'll get from the task force I think will aid us in doing that. I think that the addition of our Research Department and also DAS can add to that process so I will support the amendment to the amendment which removes the \$50,000 appropriation and will support the Withem amendment after that is amended, if it is, and then hope we can continue moving on the bill. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes. On the specifics of the Withem amendment and the amendment to the amendment, I believe that the legislative record has been established that the Legislature does anticipate receiving this help from the agencies specified so there's probably no need for the amendment. I would withdraw