

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...in some reasonable and thoughtful way, then we can join that which exists, that which is ongoing, and that which ought to be ongoing. I urge the defeat of the Chambers amendment. I am not certain how I feel about the Bromm amendment, and, ultimately, hope to see a bill that will not stop progress. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I guess I would just like to ask Senator Bromm a few questions, if I could, because I'm still in the stage where I am trying to flush out and explore what this bill means in exactly how it's worded, and from the conversation that has just preceded us, I can see I am not the only one at that particular stage.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, if the Chambers amendment is adopted, then, in that instance, with respect, let's say with respect to the category where the statute would say there shall be no charge for copies of the records, or public access to the records, now in that instance, then there couldn't be any charge at all for electronic access. Is that not correct?

SENATOR BROMM: Where there is a statute that specifically says that, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: I would say that's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And if the statute says that they can set their own fee as opposed to saying there shall not be a fee, then they can make it whatever...whatever terms they want. Is that correct?

SENATOR BROMM: I think that's correct, or if the statute is silent altogether on that question.