

quality of service and the financial return to the state, and whether we really want to be in this business. And I think Senator Brashear made some very good points about whether we are going to be honest about whether we believe in privatization and whether we really want to have the free market involved in some of the workings of government. And I think we do, but I think we also have to be very careful that we are continuing to uphold those issues in terms of access that we think are important. Then, finally, there is the whole issue of security of information and confidentiality, and security from misuse of the system,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...and that really impacts I think on whether we want to be involved in operating our own system. We have, in 1375, a process for dealing with these issues, and so I very much support the amendment, the Bromm-Hillman amendment, and 1375. I have grave concerns about the Chambers amendment, but I do agree with Senator Chambers that it is obvious that we need to reassert our authority in dealing with certain kinds of processes of government, and it is clear through a number of examples that the Legislature has been left out of the loop and I don't think that we should be. But I want us to move forward in a rational manner and I hope that we can do this with the Bromm-Hillman amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to respond to a couple of things that have been said, rather than specifically addressing this amendment. I'm going to let those that may have concerns about this amendment express them. As I indicated, Senator Chambers, if it was agreeable with Senator Hillman, it was agreeable with me, and there seemed to be a couple of different interpretations being discussed. I will let that get worked out. One question I wanted to ask Senator Hillman, if she has a minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hillman, will you respond?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Hillman, as part of this amendment,