

potential for accomplishing the Chamber automation if that's the decision of the Exec Board in a reasonably short time frame. As you may recall, from the time that I added the \$79,635 or whatever it was to 1189, I indicated to you that it was a conscious decision on my part to bring the discussion, well, actually for two reasons. One was to bring the discussion on Chamber automation to the floor of the Legislature for the input of all of the members of the body, not just the Exec Board or the Chamber Automation Task Force. The other reason was a feeling of mine that this body does in fact have the responsibility of representing all of the people of the state of Nebraska, that we needed the tools to do that, and that we ought to afford to ourselves some flexibility within our portion of the budget of the state of Nebraska. It is important things that we're about whether we recognize it or not. For more than a hundred years since the advent of commercial press and followed by radio and then by television, deliberative bodies such as the Legislature have been somehow or the other looked down upon and degraded and put upon into a second class status by many of the comments that we read and it becomes ingrained in the people that inherently there's something wrong with the system of government that we have in this nation. I would suggest to you that this body is a decision-making body for all of government, not just the Legislature, but for all of the government, all three branches and that we should have the tools to allow us to make those decisions for all of government and for the million six hundred plus thousand people that we're called upon to represent. The net result of this veto will not be quite probably a delay in the implementation of full Chamber automation should the board decide to do that. But more importantly I wanted to share with you that going out into the rest of this biennium that there may well come a time when individual members or committee chairs or whatever come to the Exec Board and want some money for additional staffing for a within Council program for equipment and I'm going to say to you, no, those funds are not available. I think that we need to maintain within the Council's budget some degree of flexibility because there are always very important missions that arise to this Council not only on the floor of the Legislature but throughout the year in accomplishing our task. And it's important that we have within our budget the ability to address those concerns on a timely basis when and if they do occur. If nothing happens in the rest of this biennium, I believe that we can find within the budget of the Legislative Council the money