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of 637 in committee. I would have to look, but I'm just sure they did. We're back to Section 3, which we're working on the amendment that will be submitted here, as I understand it. This study, to me, is a little bit overblown, the publicity, the emphasis that's getting put on the study. The study was, as I understood at the last meeting we had on this before we hammered out this amendment, was that we were going to use the study to look at whether we could salvage CHARTS and JUSTICE and all these various programs that we have somewhat in place. And we just talked this morning about the NITC, the Information Technology Commission, that we set up. Let's see if we can get somebody in here to tie these things together. Obviously, CHARTS has been a project of Health and Human Services, and JUSTICE, Department of...the court system, and I think JUSTICE was established, started in...back in...I think in '89 or '90 with...under a consulting agreement of some sort with IBM. CHARTS I don't...it hasn't been around that long and I'm not sure how that was set up, but we're trying to get somehow or other through this study to try and salvage what we've invested in these programs so that they actually can get these things up and working. And, as I've said before, I'm not sure why we are at the eleventh hour and it's been now 45 minutes on this thing, why we waited so long to recog...or see that there's a problem and so on. We haven't had much of a response. We had meetings yesterday with some of these people and they say that should be up and then the next thing I get's a phone call saying it's up part of the time, down and doesn't work and they're going to have to overhaul it or scrap it and start over. Get call from a county attorney telling me that, so I'm not sure who to believe. There again I lean toward the people who use it or trying to use it. Senator Bohlke also made a good point. Out in my area, Senator Jones and so on, some of us out west there, we have counties that have total populations of a thousand people or less.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: That's not uncommon out there where we come from--large counties and no people. So there was a statement made yesterday at the meeting that there's a possibility that we can still use handwritten reports, Senator Bohlke reminded me of that, where we simply handwrite this thing back out, send it