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going to withdraw this amendment in a little bit, but we've obviously stimulated some discussion here and I have the assurance that...from the Governor's staff that just not to judge what they're doing upon past performance here. They will make sure that this is done and so on, et cetera, so that gives me some degree of hope. And also we are going to have a report, according to Senator Wehrbein, an update, and we do have Select File to work on this so...I do want to point out, though, that anybody who's purchased computers lately knows you can go buy a Pentium III 466, whatever it is, for half of what I paid for a Pentium II, whatever, two years ago, and it doesn't...these costs that they're projecting here don't reflect the decrease in cost of technology that is occurring in the public. So I...I still want to make sure that we hold Health and Human Services accountable and I just...I don't have a lot of faith in throwing money at a...in a program that should have been done years ago and they're still, here they go using...using, really, (LB) 637 as a vehicle, say, well, we need more money to get it done. Well, I don't necessarily buy that. And we aren't cutting all the funds out and I realize they're matching funds and this amendment proposed to take money out of the Revolving Fund, so if it came down to the nitty-gritty to the thing, they still have the money. They could match this federal fund and readjust some other things. But, with that, I appreciate the discussion, I will withdraw the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the A bill at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Further discussion on the advancement of LB 637A? Senator Brown, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, I would just move for the adoption of 637A. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Question is the advancement of LB 637A to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of