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right now we have a huge problem with CHARTS. And I know that there are a number of people who are working very diligently to make sure that we can address those problems as soon as possible. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brown, your light is on next.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, I would yield to Senator Suttle, if she has any further questions.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Senator Brown. Mr. President, yes, I do have a couple of questions. Could you explain to me the...I mean, if we have a problem, we set up a commission. What is the purpose of this commission? You alluded to them and you said that they were looking into the overall management, and it seems to me that the overall management is a real problem, not only with CHARTS, but N-FOCUS and all the other computer problems over in Health and Human Services. Could you explain a little bit more about the commission itself.

SENATOR BROWN: Well, there are two things. I mean, the department is bringing in IBM to answer some specific questions about CHARTS. That is...that is a very specific, technical aspect, and then...but they are also going to look at the management of CHARTS as it relates to child support enforcement. NITC was established by the Legislature to provide an overall look at computer investments, especially big computer investments. Obviously, CHARTS and N-FOCUS predated NITC. But NITC, hopefully in the future, will be providing some assistance to this body in making decisions about how to proceed with computer related technology.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Oh, well...

SENATOR BROWN: And that...that is not just the state level, but they also have a community piece of NITC, too.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Well, then when IBM comes in, what if they decide to say to HHS and CHARTS, in particular, I think you need to scrap all of your hardware and buy new hardware from IBM?