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SENATOR BROWN: It's not a hardware problem, it's a software problem. But I don't know what the arrangements were on bringing IBM in. In many cases, when we enter into consultative arrangements with groups, it...they are precluded from bidding anything. And I would assume that that's probably the case. Now I know another consultant has already been in. That was what resulted in what I would consider an inexcusably last minute (laugh) notification of us that this was not going to be able to be completed by the date that we were assuming it could be completed by. So there was already a consultant in, now they're getting what is in essence a second opinion. And the second opinion is a little bit more extensive in that they are asking some questions about, not only whether it has to be done the way that the first consultant said, which is very...about 60,000 hours of programming that needs to be done sequentially and tested. And so you can't just do the 60,000 hours, you have to do it in a certain order. But also whether it could be outsourced and the management questions.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you. I'm just very concerned about this. It seems to me we've been talking about this for a long time and I don't know how much this second opinion is going to cost. Maybe, Senator Wehrbein, you might know, or Senator Brown. Do you know how much the second opinion will cost?

SENATOR BROWN: At this point I don't. You know, we have known about this for about a week and a half. And I really think that most of the people at Health and Human Services, at least the people on the...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...services side, have known it for about that same period of time. And I think that they were as surprised. They have been assuring, I believe, the federal government that everything was going to be fine. So I have not pursued that, but I will get that information for you and let you know when the bill comes up the next time, or at some point in the future.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.