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of upcoming projects...of a project which needs a structure such as we're suggesting in this bill and which also needs the funding that is suggested in this bill. I can't speak for Senator Wehrbein. I can tell you that my decision to introduce this and support this was not done at all lightly. I've been here while I've heard the horror stories of the county automation project, where the Legislature appropriated a lot of money and had frustrating results. We've got the CHARTS project, we've got N-FOCUS as recent examples of where the Legislature, in good faith, appropriates money and heads us off in a given direction, but we don't seem to have the technology expertise to keep track of the project or to shepherd it through the process and make sure that we have a finished product that does what we intend it to do for the money that we intended to spend. This is an effort to try to put in process that type of a procedure so that we can deal with these kinds of projects which we individually can't stay on top of, don't have the knowledge or expertise to deal with. Senator Wehrbein, if you'd care to share the remainder of my opening, I'd be happy to yield the rest of the time to Senator Wehrbein.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, thank you, Senator Bromm. I don't know that I have much more to add to what you've said at this point. I may discuss the bill a little more in detail, but I would be ready to take up the amendment because it does change slightly the original intent of the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm, you're done with your opening? Senator Wehrbein, you are recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 1349.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yeah, this is, Mr. President, members of the body, this is AM2618. This doesn't change it much, but it does make some things clear which I'll read. It continues the building renewal allocation earmarked, the LB 309 Task Force, at the equivalent of 7 cents of revenue derived from cigarette tax and establishes an earmark, the equivalent of 2 cents of cigarette tax receipts to the Information Technology Infrastructure Fund beginning July 1, 2001. The amendment more directly achieves the goal in the green copy of the bill. The