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one year, what, if any, would be the problem in doing that?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, the problem is...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Time. Time has expired. Thank you, Senator Schimek. The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, if I could continue the dialogue, please, please take my time to continue your answer.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Certainly. The provisions in these three bills...and we could have combined them all into one bill but decided not to just so that you would have the opportunity to look at each of these areas separately. The provisions in all three bills were chosen by the Secretary of State's Office and by the Government Committee office, because these are the things we are mandated to implement by January 1 of 2004. In other words, we're supposed to begin, begin the work on them now. We have some time to get a system up and on board, but we're mandated to have that legislation in place by January of 2004. There are other provisions that aren't. So what I'm suggesting to you is if we don't have the legislation in place then we most certainly might be sued by the federal government. I mean, I'm not saying it would happen, but that is a possibility.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Is everything in the three bills that we have before us this session, are all of those things mandated by January 1, 2004?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is my understanding, yes, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And if we do not have things in place by January 1, 2004, what is the penalty in this area?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: We don't know.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The law doesn't say what the penalty is or...?