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being administered by the Department of Revenue. But I wondered if I might ask a question of Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR BROWN: Senator Beutler, explain to me what kinds of individual tax-related information that would be necessary to evaluate? Confidential tax...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I think there are an array of things that one might look at, depending on whether one was looking at efficiency or following the guidance of the...or the mandate of the statute in terms of the applications. But in this particular instance, the two most obvious things might be with respect to a particular project, whether the number of employees were, on the face of the matter, adequate; whether the dollar amounts of investment were adequate. Two key things in terms of following the statutes, but things that require specific information on specific projects.

SENATOR BROWN: Do we have any comparable issues with any other agency that we've done a performance evaluation on or...I mean a program evaluation on or...I mean, can you make any comparison for me that might be helpful?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, in my four or five years on the.. in the Program Evaluation Committee, I've never had anybody refuse to give us information, so I'm not aware of problems in other areas.

SENATOR BROWN: But I was thinking more...no, I was thinking more in terms of comparable confidential kinds of information. Would the legal records of individual inmates, when we're evaluating incarceration or parole or things like that, would that be a comparable kind of confidential information?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I haven't looked at that, Senator, but I'd be glad to.