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may, for example, assess whether the objectives of a new or ongoing program are proper, suitable, or relevant. Now that definition does get over more into policy, but part of a performance audit is a reflection on policy. If you have a policy that can't effectively be implemented, the Legislature needs to know that. It's a question both of efficiency and of the policy itself. They aren't terms that can be separated entirely. To determine the extent to which a program achieves a desired level of program results; to assess the effectiveness of the program and/or individual program components, and on and on and on. But, clearly, what we're talking about here is in the area of performance audits and, clearly, they cannot be effectively accomplished in certain of their dimensions without adequate information. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I would yield my time to Senator Beutler, if he needs any more time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, thank you. I would just take one more second to make an observation. You know, so often we're admonished in this Legislature to run government like a business, to crack down on inefficiency, to see that the programs are being run in accordance with the law, to do those things that a business would do to see that things were working properly. And yet, ironically, in this particular instance, business itself apparently opposes government being businesslike. I guess it's run government like a business unless it's that aspect of government that relates to business, in which case keep on running it like a government, or what they think a government runs like, I guess. If you were in a corporation, if you were a CEO, you would be doing audits, and you would be doing formal or informal performance audits, and you would see that your various departments and governments were running like a business--efficiently, effectively and in accordance with management decisions. The management decision of this government is the decision of this Legislature, and we