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sticking point with some of those that are out in the lobby. The amendment also provides that service contracts over \$50,000 would be let by competitive bid unless the contracting agency receives an exemption from materiel division. The materiel division would establish policy for determining when an exemption is granted. The director of Administrative Services will establish a centralized database. And this is something that we've all wanted and needed for a long time. That database would identify where a copy of each service contract may be located, so that at any time you can go to that database, you can find out details about the contract, but you can also find out where it's located so that you can actually examine it more in detail if you so desire. For all service contracts, state agencies will document the bidding and awarding process; if competitively bid, follow materiel division policy, rules, and regulations and award the contract to the lower possible bidder; monitor and document the contractor's performance; document the need for any changes in the contract; and if the contract is over \$50,000, retain certain information regarding the contract in a central location within each agency. The estimated cost...or, value of...the estimated value of good contracts, which require a competitive formal sealed bidding process, is raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000. They're presently at ten. The estimated value of goods contracts between 10 and 25 thousand dollars then would require a competitive informal bidding process. And the current estimated value of such contracts is between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Now, part of the reason for raising this is because it will help with the fiscal note on the bill. Because if you raise those goods from \$10,000 to \$25,000, obviously they're not going to have to review so many. But another reason, of course, is that it hasn't been raised for a period of time. Materiel division will charge assessments to state agencies, boards, and commissions for purchasing services and service contracts, including the training of employees. And finally, the bill has an emergency clause and an operative date of August 1, 2003. With that, it's a rather abbreviated explanation of the committee amendments. I would be happy to answer any questions if I can. And once again, I'm going to urge you to vote down the committee amendments, because I don't think that we're at the place that we need to be yet. And the other alternative is to adopt the committee amendments and then