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continue pounding and pounding, although at this particular time I'm not going to offer any more amendments than the ones that I have up there already. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bromm, on the Chambers amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I certainly agree that it's good to look in all the corners and aspects of our budget and where we're spending money and what our commitments are, and I applaud that. I rise particularly on this amendment to just add a little bit to Senator Wehrbein's response and background. I think it was in the year 2000, it might have been '99, when Senator Wehrbein and I cosponsored LB 1349, I think it was. And that was to find...to chart a course for redoing and funding the primary computer system for the state, which is quite...was quite antiquated, and needs a lot of updating. And the project went through the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, which is a commission that was set up prior to that by prior legislation to review any project, not only of the state, but of certain political subdivisions as well, that...to try to make sure that those projects were coordinated and that the money, which we all know that spending money on technology seems like there's no end to it. It can just absorb you. So you want to try to be sure you're spending that money as wisely as possible. And so the NIS project has gone through the NITC commission. It has been reviewed. They're in the process of implementing a good portion of that. And as it should be, that implementation is being reviewed, I think, fairly closely by several. Certainly the State Auditor's Office has expressed a great deal of interest and has perhaps even decided to use some resources to further review the process, implementation of this project. So it is getting scrutiny. It is getting review. It is necessary to do it, from the standpoint of the operations of state government. But there's no harm done in looking at this. And if, certainly, the amendment were adopted, unless we were to simply drop the project, which would be very difficult to do, I think, contracts are in the process of being carried out, there's some fairly expensive work that is probably partway done that needs to be completed. So we would probably be penny wise and pound foolish