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you will yield. And I understand that you may need to talk to some of the many talented people that are off on the side. And I don't care how much dead time there is here. I remember, six years ago, when I was on the Appropriations Committee, vaguely, we were spending millions and millions of dollars in information technology. Do you happen to recall some of those huge numbers that we spend on information technology? And could you tell me what they are?

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Thompson, would you yield?

SENATOR THOMPSON: That would be a definite "stump the senator." I'm going to have to...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'm not trying to stump the senator. I couldn't...

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...to get that. No.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...do it either. My point is, as I recall it, eight years ago, or six years ago, seven and eight years ago, we were spending tens of millions of dollars on computer services, information technology, and all those wonderful new things. Would you agree with that general statement?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: When you say to me, but the work has to get done, I've got to tell you that the most...one of the most remarkable things I have seen in my life, in the period I have served in this body, is what Alan Greenspan calls productivity, and I call computerization, and what it's done to cut people's workloads and speed information and make marvelously efficient the transfer of information and the keeping of records and so on. And I can tell you specifically, I know of specific instances that I can take to you and demonstrate to you support workloads cut in half and cut by two-thirds, where one-third of the workers are supporting the same number of people on the front line, and those kinds of things. So when you said, the