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work still has to get done, I just don't want it to seem like we're still using quill and pen, or chisel and stone, and that we haven't spent millions and millions of dollars to get increased productivity and to employ less people. And I would yield the remainder of my time to you to respond. But it was your speech on getting the work done that brought me to this moment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Thompson, you have a little over two minutes.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Well, my response to that is that some of our modernization of those programs has been not as implementable or as quickly put in place as we had hoped. But one of the things that has happened that I see, in terms of federal mandates, is the data reporting that we now do. I'm not sure that that... a lot of that was done for the efficiency purposes. And I'm going back to my years when I was on the alumni board at Creighton, and the head of the computer department said, whenever the president would ask him, how many people am I going to save if I put this new computer system in, he'd say, well, you aren't going to save any, it will be 1.1 or 1.2 the other way. Because it isn't necessarily a productivity thing. It's probably a more effective, accurate, not so many mistakes possibly, a more efficient way to operate. And I'm not defending this fact. And it may work in some areas. But I don't... I see the data reporting to the feds on all the money that we get, and the outcomes that we're trying to achieve, and the data that we need as a Legislature as being...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...an investment more in getting accurate information and analysis than maybe in how fast... or how many employees we can eliminate with a computer. I guess I've never believed that you eliminate employees that way. But eliminating some of the work may be because of efficiencies in the way we get checks out or something like that might be there. The point I'm trying to make with the demographics is that we're serving more children and more elderly people. A lot of that can't be done with computer; it's with employees and with actual work.