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on-line when they send those messages, people who are able to receive an on-line response, but who want a verification that an e-mail now cannot give them, but that this would allow. Should we be able to do this, we're looking at, I think, some rather considerable savings per transaction. And the more transactions that are used, the more savings are here. The use of the U.S. postmark is basically about 80 cents. You do it by opening up a charge account, if you will. And a state agency could only use this if the state agency wanted to. But there's every reason why a state agency would want to, because compared to a snail mail or certified mail, this would be considerably cheaper, and it would save the agency money. It is, I think, the fact of 21st century living that the e-mail and the use of the computer highway is a wave of the future. It holds us the opportunity for savings without a loss of security. And for that reason, I support...I introduced LB 11. I was gratified to see that the Government, Military Affairs Committee sent it out unanimously. There is an amendment, and I would ask for that amendment to be adopted when it comes up. And I also have a minor amendment to that offered to me, that I will make clear at that point. Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Landis. We'll move to the committee amendment of Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Chairperson Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The hearing was...well, it was basically proponents. Nobody appeared in opposition to this bill. And the committee advanced it on a 7 to 1 vote, with the 1 person actually being absent. And we thought this was a great idea, a good idea. And not only would it save money, but it would actually make things more doable long-distance than they were...that they are at the present time. The committee amendment simply clarifies that an electronic postmark may be used to verify that a record of a state agency is true and correct. It also clarifies that the use of the electronic postmark will require consent by the sender and receiver of the communication. You just heard Senator Landis talk about that. The amendment specifies that the electronic postmark may be used by a state agency in lieu of certified mail, or with return receipt requested. The provision