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and wanted to pursue, except insofar as it was a purely financial kind of audit. We look at numbers. We looked at the Medicaid reimbursement program, as you know. There's a bill coming up that relates to that. So we look at numbers, too. Don't think that just because it's not a financial audit, as such, of a whole department or a whole program, that when we're looking at the proper implementation of a particular statute it could go into figuring out numbers, certain kinds of numbers, and working with math, and that sort of thing.

SENATOR REDFIELD: When we first did the performance audit bill, I was very involved in that. And there was language, as I recall, that allowed a partnership, so that the Performance Audit Committee could utilize the services of the State Auditor and the CPAs there, so that they could get that kind of data and examine some of that data, so that we didn't have to duplicate and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...rehire more personnel in Legislative Research Office. Are we utilizing that service? Or would we then have to hire more staff to do that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, we're utilizing all the provisions that we put into statutes in prior years, to the extent that the Auditor has asked us to or allowed us to do that. But I think the position of the...well, I'm not going to speak to what the Auditor's position is. But the cooperative provisions, the provisions that provided for cooperation insofar as the relationship of the Performance Audit Committee to the Auditor's Office are concerned, we haven't had occasion to use them yet. But it's not because the Performance Audit Committee has in any way discouraged or inhibited that process.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Could we accomplish what you're trying to do here under...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...the current framework? I'll ask you off