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discuss with Senator Redfield the possibility of splitting this 50 cents that she's talking about. I understand and recognize that that is not a good process because the money is needed here. But we do have a problem, albeit in larger counties and to some lesser degree in smaller counties, of being able to update records statewide in the courthouses, specifically register of deeds and some of the other offices in modernizing their records. The purpose behind my bill, LB 565, was to provide access to money...provide money to go back to counties via grants for improving their technology in their county offices. I just simply want to call your attention to the fact that this...there needs to be progress made in this area. Some counties are doing that. Other counties cannot afford to do it because they're up against their levy limits. And so we are not making progress at the local level, specifically some larger counties, let's call them medium-size counties that are unable to afford to improve their technology and probably are having demands upon it. So I simply wanted to call your attention to this. I'm going to try to figure out something next year. This bill was not killed in committee. In fact, it was advanced...it's not been advanced but we're discussing it. And I will have to look at something else for another year, but it is something that is very important. But because we are going to probably be raising the doc. stamp here from \$1.75 to \$2.25, I think it's getting prohibitive to raise the doc. stamp any more. Perhaps this bill is more important than going with the information technology needed, and I won't go into details, but I do have more details if you want to look on LB 565 and look on the fiscal note to see where the money is going. Just simply to say we're going to have to look for some source. I reluctantly give up on Senator Redfield's doc. stamp bill for me, and I will be supporting her bill, but it hurts. Thank you. (Laugh)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Redfield a question, well, some probably.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Redfield, would you respond to a