

standards that the profession allows for so that we would not have...the issue would be would we use somebody who would, very likely a sole practitioner, no. We'd probably use one of the big eight accounting firms to be quite honest with you, or a very reputable local statewide entity, but I don't think we would use a small independent operator in this case.

SENATOR BROMM: And do you envision this being done on an annual basis, or every few years you would change auditors or what?

SENATOR HALL: I would think that the...under the bill, itself, we are required to be audited at least once every two years. I would think that the contract, depending on what the profession dictates, what the market dictates, at a minimum be for one biennium in terms of our own budget with regard to how we would budget for it, but it could be for a longer period of time. I do not envision it being for any length of time over and above a two-audit time frame, in other words for a period of four years. So I can't remember, I believe that that is currently the system that we have in place that's suppose to handle our audit for our per diem expenses.

SENATOR BROMM: That was my next question, the auditor for the per diem, is that on a four-year contract?

SENATOR HALL: I believe it is, I believe it is.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: But that is done on an annual basis, and it is very likely, Senator Bromm, that in order for it to be financially feasible for these folks to do it, they may just insist that it be an annual expenditure. It isn't much money. You are talking about auditing roughly \$80,000 worth of bills, and I know I'm familiar with a budget of a little over a quarter of million dollars, and we pay, I think, \$2,500 to have that audited, and it's tied into the federal government, so it has a number of standards that are built into it. So I don't expect it to be a huge expenditure.

SENATOR BROMM: And the other question I have, and if this was asked and answered, I apologize, I didn't hear it. When the information from a particular...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.