

SENATOR WESELY: ...in computers and I just...I just, as we move forward, I want to make sure we all know what's available. And so if, Senator Moore, at some point, if we could get a report back. Can I also ask, is there any desire by the department to privatize some of the claims processing? I know that there is some talk about that? Is that in the budget? Is that authorized anywhere? Where are we at on that particular issue?

SENATOR MOORE: No, that is not authorized in the budget There is a...on a separate issue...well, to answer your question, obviously, DSS has been doing some of that and will continue to be doing some of that. There is a separate bill out there which advanced in the Appropriations Committee which I think is a committee priority bill, LB 322, which addresses the process that would have to be gone through before that can happen. But that's not contained in anything, in either LB 541 or LB 330.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Time. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, Senator Moore, question, please.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Moore.

SENATOR COORDSEN: This year we have a deficit appropriation bill of some 7 million dollars. What might we anticipate next year to cover the deficit for this year? Something similar to that?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, obviously...

SENATOR COORDSEN: I don't know.

SENATOR MOORE: ...well, we plugged in \$5 million in two years from now.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Uh-huh.

SENATOR MOORE: I mean, obviously, in the...now that we have a biennial two-year budget, the entire bill next year is "a deficit bill" because you're amending the budget year we're now in. We have, two years from now, we have a 5 million dollar plug number in for deficits, each year.