

SENATOR MOORE: Okay. Well, you know, obviously, every year the entire state budget is reviewed by the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Appropriations Committee and we look at that. Now I'm not going to tell you in four months' time we go through a zero-based budgeting project, I don't think that's the duty of the Legislature. I think that's a duty...that's on the management side of things. And so, do we look at that? Yes. So we look at it in that vein. Obviously, between now and next year would hope to do more of that. Also, last year, the Legislature did pass a performance review and audit function, placed that in the Legislative Council, that is up and beginning to run to look at agencies specific. Now, is that an ongoing management tool to look at all of state government? No, it looks at a single issue, tries to look at the value of it. I think there was a number of bills introduced this year to look at the entire...look at the entire state budget. We do that every few years. We do, I think Senator Warner will tell you, over...that's something we repeat over time and this may be the year to do that again.

SENATOR BROMM: Could we go on for just a second? The audit, the performance audit that you have initiated in a couple of different agencies or areas, those are looking at specific agencies or specific areas of agencies. Is that correct?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, my concern is there is no...there is no looking at more than one agency at a time, is there? I mean, how do we ever get to look at whether or not we could do something to avoid the, perhaps, some duplication or overlap in...I hate to pick out agencies, but for lack of a better example, Motor Vehicles and Aeronautics and Transportation, I mean, maybe there's some things that could be done. And how do we ever get to a point where we really look at agencies all at the same time? How could we do that?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, like I said, we do that to a...in a...to a degree, in our ongoing appropriations process. And, periodically, over history we've done it at a bigger scale. I mean, how to do it, as with anything, it just takes the...just with the reductions that the Appropriations Committee recommended to the floor, identifying them, one thing, identifying, you know, one man's fat and another man's muscle.