

we would not be wanting to do and would find out that we were, in fact, doing. But, overall, I happen to believe that there is really nothing wrong with us making all people who spend tax dollars money as we do here, be held somehow accountable to what they do. Somebody once said, you know, that locks on doors only keep honest people honest, and basically it looks like to me that that is really what some of this is, is sort of putting a lock on the door and if there are people who would tend to be dishonest, it would help to make them...make them answerable. So, in general, I have no real problem with this kind of an approach to resolving an issue that has been long standing. And, I think that it was demonstrated way back when the telephone issue was a big discussion around here and somebody...it was brought up that maybe many of the state agencies who have telephones and the use of them maybe should be audited and brought their reports out the same as ours and I certainly wouldn't have any objection to that. So, overall, I would think that if we could work out some of the kinks, so to speak, of this particular document, that I could be supportive of it because if, in fact, there is a perception, and we talked about it for a long time the other night about the perception, if there is a perception that people who become administrators or who become elected to office, of any level, suddenly become dishonest, this is a way to make sure that they don't. And so...and that is not an indictment to say that they do, it's just merely we spend quite a good deal of time talking about some of the perceptions that the public has, whether real or not, so it would appear to me that in general that, and as I said before, with some cleaning up of some of the areas to make sure we were doing what we wanted to do, it would appear to me that, Senator Lynch, you brought up a good idea before us and we ought to pursue it. So I guess I would only want to be on record as saying that...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...however, I guess, the committee who would be in charge of this, it would seem to me would certainly want to take a long hard look at it and at least if we don't do anything else, if we're not able to do anything else before we leave, before we adjourn, that we leave the...we leave with an attitude that we do intend to actually follow up and try to improve upon what we have at the present time. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Before recognizing the next speaker, thank you