

1 local election officials and legislatures to decide when
2 they become mandatory for particular jurisdictions and
3 they can, at that time, take into account how much of
4 this can be accomplished within a given time frame, et
5 cetera, so perhaps we're trying to take on too much of
6 the burden of the transition issues that, in fact, our
7 responsibility is to set the standards for the features
8 and the performance requirements that are needed and
9 then let that -- let others decide when these can
10 actually be implemented.

11 Dr. Schutzer?

12 MALE: No, but I was suggesting that you may
13 not wanna specify a memoryless programmableless printer.
14 You may, in fact, want to allow that but provide
15 sufficient guidance in how to test that, which gets
16 involved all the things that the (indiscernible) group
17 for the processors and the programs you're gonna have to
18 spec the source code, make sure it hasn't changed or
19 that kind of thing, but it can be done.

20 MALE: Mr. Chairman, I must respectfully
21 disagree, in part, with your statement, and I think it's
22 important that we differentiate your role as Director of

1 NIST from your role as Chairman of this committee. I
2 agree that NIST is tasked with providing technical
3 expertise and developing standards, and NIST has no role
4 in assisting either the EAC or states and local
5 governments with the issues of transition. However, the
6 Technical Guidelines Development Committee as a body, is
7 expected to give recommendations to the EAC, not only on
8 standards based on our work with NIST, but I think that
9 it extends to issues such as transition. As been said
10 many times, there are number of jurisdictions waiting
11 for guidance to come out of this group as to how they're
12 going to comply with HAVA, how they're going to spend
13 their HAVA dollars, and I don't think it's inappropriate
14 for this group to give the EAC a recommendation on how
15 to best do that.

16 MALE: John -- I would take that a step
17 further and say that it's not only -- not inappropriate;
18 it's almost mandatory. I can quantify that for you a
19 little bit. There are over 48 million people in this
20 country today that -- that vote on punch card and lever
21 voting machines. They have been directed by HAVA that
22 they've got to do something about that. That's 615