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amendments yesterday that would give preference to employees of the clerks of the court who may be displaced, because under LB 637 the clerks of the court will receive a reduced amount of assistance and...with the unit being centralized at the state level. And so we adopted an amendment that gives preference to those individuals for hiring, and we adopted an amendment that had to do with the customer service, the response time when there are concerns about the accuracy of records and their questions that are directed towards the unit. We have...we took up an amendment, but did not bring it to a vote, that talked about who would administer the Central Disbursement Unit. And that amendment would have had the State Treasurer do the receipting and a governmental entity do the...possibly the State Treasurer or another governmental entity that would do the disbursement. That amendment was pulled and will be reconsidered. We also had an amendment which was voted down that would have eliminated the option of privatizing the Central Disbursement Unit. And so we are now taking up, I think, the fourth of the Beutler amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Brown. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment this morning, Senator Beutler, AM1327. I might indicate to the membership that Senator Beutler is excused until he arrives.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Is there anyone authorized to handle that amendment? We'll move on, next item.

CLERK: Senator Bohlke would move to amend. (FA102, Legislative Journal page 1535.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Member...Mr. President, members. Excuse me a moment and I'll catch my breath. Senator Brown, I see you moving to the front, and I'm going to have some questions for you, if you'd move back to your mike. This amendment says that it strikes the bill and all the amendments, and says that the state should immediately begin the process of applying for a waiver from the federal government with regard to