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the resolution.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Madam Chair, members of the body, excuse my voice, I am sorry. In 1996, the Congress passed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act which mandated establishment of a centralized state disbursement unit for the receipt and disbursement of child support payments. Last session, we passed LB 637 which enacted the language necessary to establish the State Disbursement Unit. As directed by federal law, LB 637 gave the Department of Health and Human Services through its IV-D agency the responsibility for administering the SDU or State Disbursement Unit. The IV-D agency administers federal child support enforcement programs. Section 2 of LB 637 states that the IV-D Division may operate the State Disbursement Unit itself or it may designate a public entity, a private entity, or a state officer to administer and operate the State Disbursement Unit. If the IV-D Division does designate another entity, that entity is directly responsible to the IV-D Division. Thus, as permitted under state and federal law, the Department of Health and Human Services is proposing to designate the State Treasurer of the state of Nebraska as the administrator of the State Disbursement Unit. According to LB 637, this designation is subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the Legislature. In accordance with the procedures established by the Speaker, pursuant to the rules, we held a confirmation hearing in the Judiciary Committee on January, the 28th. The State Treasurer appeared, testified, and submitted himself to our questions. Following that hearing, your Judiciary Committee unanimously voted to confirm or to recommend the confirmation of the State Treasurer as the administrator of the State Disbursement Unit. The object of this hearing, then, is to secure your approval of the committee's recommendation. I urge the adoption of the confirmation report. Thank you, Madam Chair.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the opening. Discussion on the committee report, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the confirmation of the State Treasurer as the operator of the State Disbursement Unit. I have had the opportunity to follow the development by the State Treasurer's