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of CHARTS, which seems very upsetting to me that we continually throw money at this...at this project. And I understand Senator Brown will be following me, and I have a couple questions. I'm just wondering what are the other states doing in this area, and do we know what kind of programs that they're using? Are we the only one that is getting penalized in this area for not having this program together? I think it's a real shame for a state our size, which is not a very large state, to not be able to come to some agreement and find some kind of program that would work instead of actually continually throwing money down a rat hole, as I would say. So I'll turn my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Brown, committee amendments to LB 1217.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I would like to reiterate something that I said before. Please don't confuse these issues. There...there are three different things that we're talking about here. The single Disbursement Unit, which was the subject of the bill that we had last year, we are not being sanctioned over where we are with our Disbursement Unit. We are talking here about a computer system that was originally designed to facilitate the work the way that we had it before where it was done through the county clerk's office. Now it's being asked to do something else. That is not an excuse. I...I believe that computers should be able to facilitate the work that we want them to do and I think we should be in a position to have them do that, and we're not, but we are being fined over the computer system. We were being fined last year when we had the discussion on the bill because of the computer system, so we have known for some time that our computer system was out of compliance. We are not the only state, but we are one of the few states that is still having computer system problems. So this is not related to the single Disbursement Unit except in the sense that now we are asking the system to do something that...for which it was obviously...it was not designed and was not properly redesigned. The third issue that we've had some conversation on the floor about which is a very separate issue too is the customer service piece of the single Disbursement Unit, and the work that the Legislature took last year in discussing LB 637 helped a lot. There was a study this summer