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SENATOR BOHLKE: But that was way back with N-FOCUS.

SENATOR BROWN: No. No.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Well, Douglas County was out of compliance with N-FOCUS.

SENATOR BROWN: Well, but there was a specific provision in LB 637 that dealt with bringing Douglas County on and that...and we...so we were being...we were being sanctioned as of last year because our CHARTS system was out of compliance. We thought that it was because of Douglas County. Now it's proven to be more than that.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Right. We were told last year but we were also told that we couldn't make a change on the floor last year or a suggestion to a bill because...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...it would cause us to be fined. Is that not true?

SENATOR BROWN: Fined for whether or not we had a single Disbursement...whether we had statutory authority for a single Disbursement Unit, but we're talking about two different kinds of fines here.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I understand that. And how many people are we hiring for the customer service piece in the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR BROWN: There...it's a substantial number of people that are being proposed. We are not hiring anyone until we have...

SENATOR BOHLKE: They had a number last year.

SENATOR BROWN: They are talking about four...

SENATOR BOHLKE: Was it 17 or 27?

SENATOR BROWN: ...40...last year they were talking 17. This