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had before us on child support supports this premise. But we are doing a wonderful job of collecting child support. And that job is not...the collection of child support is not about the disbursement and receipting of it, and I will acknowledge that. There is not...there is nothing in this that guarantees that we will collect more child support because of having an automated system. But I do think that we can be guaranteed that children will receive their money quicker. We have to make sure that there is a two-day turnaround or we are in line to be sanctioned by the federal government. That is a requirement of the federal legislation. We have, with LB 972, an opportunity to do an even better job than we have done, to do it in partnership with the federal government, and now with another elected official, with the Treasurer serving as the SDU, and I would be glad to answer any questions that you may have about it and urge the passage of LB 972 so we can move forward with this process.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Kristensen, I understand you're going to carry the committee amendments for Senator Brashear. (AM2558, Legislative Journal page 982.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes, Mr. President. LB 972 was passed by your Judiciary Committee on a vote...I can't do this. I am not the "Silver Fox". (Laughter) I can't do that. Yes, Mr. President, I am going to do the committee amendments to this bill. Senator Brown has introduced and explained to you the purposes of the bill. The Judiciary Committee took Senator Brown's bill and a bill that I had introduced, and they molded and melded some of the different pieces of those two bills into a committee amendment, and I'm going to go through that committee amendment. The premises are still the same. What Senator Brown said is correct. This adds to that and makes changes as I'm going to try to explain to you. It was passed out of committee, seven to nothing. I assume that should be some suspect coming from that committee anyway, but it was a result of many drafts, of give and take and back and forth. I think the most important changes here come in the area of trying to make this process more accountable and responsive. As you remember, we've had a problem with the federal mandate coming to