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LB 936, 972

think that I've left something out, please, I don't know, raise your hand, contact me and we will attempt to highlight anything that we may have left out. That concludes the presentation of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bourne would move to amend the committee amendments. (AM2699, Legislative Journal page 1057.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bourne, you're recognized on your motion to amend the committee amendments to LB 972.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I think that Senator Kristensen has done a great job in explaining what the committee amendments do, and before I get into explaining what my amendment to the committee amendments does, I'd like to express how good a job I think Senator Brown has done in setting up LB 972 and working with whoever on the committee amendments. There is a lot of accountability in those amendments and I think that that will go, the way the bill is structured in the committee amendments, I think it will go a long ways towards heading off any problems that we might have with the SDU. I think...I think it'll be...she's done a great job in how she set this up. As part of LB 972, the Title IV-D division establishes what's called a Customer Service Unit and, as I understand it, this Customer Service Unit is going to consist of between 20 and 30 employees, and it will provide certain things such as account information as well as address any inquiries made by customers. It will administer two statewide toll free telephone systems, one for employers to call into, and one for all other customers. It's, basically, just a call center where people either paying child support funds or receiving child support funds can go to get information. Earlier in this year, we passed several bills, and particularly Senator Matzke's priority bill, LB 936, which basically provide incentives for businesses, to create or start businesses or expand businesses in the rural part of...rural part of the state. We did this because I feel we recognized that the rural part of the state is in need of some help in terms of their unemployment situation. To this end, what I've done is I've structured an amendment that would