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SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...identified and resolved. They've increased their collections by 7 percent in the last four months. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Brown. (Visitors introduced) Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the first amendment this morning, Senator Brown, AM1021. (Amendment is found on page 1422 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President (sic), members of the Legislature, one of the issues that...on LB 637 that has been a point of contention is how we go about doing centralized collection, and there are states that have already implemented it. Twenty-five states have implemented centralized collection and disbursement and they do it in many different ways. Some states do it through a private arrangement, contracting with a private company. There are just a handful of private companies that do this and there have been, from the financial standpoint, they...most...they've mostly been okay. From a customer service standpoint, there have been a lot of complaints and there's been a lot of concern. So...so that's one way of doing it. Some other states do it through their...within the state, either through their Department of Revenue. Our State Treasurer is interested in doing the collection and disbursement of child support. What we did in the legislation was to leave it as open as possible so that whatever...so an RFP would be developed by the IV-D agency, which is the agency that...at the state level that contracts with the federal authorities, and allows for whomever responds to that RFP. The states that seem to...at least in my estimation, the states that seem to have...are really satisfied with the way that they're doing it have contracted with some of the bigger counties in their state to do it, counties that already are processing a disproportionate share of the child support and already have the mechanism in place. So the original legislation allows for any of those