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of that. That's information being given to me by county clerks of the district court that there are 43 counties not on that system yet because of problems, and I don't know myself what all of them are, but...but if we could take some more time. I also...well, I'll address the bracket motion for now and then speak later, I guess. I would support the bracket motion and we'll see where we go from there, but...but, speaking for myself on Judiciary, that's a little of the rationale of why we did bring it out. It was a split vote. I believe it was 5 to 3. We had held it a long time and I think it needs a lot more discussion over the next few months. Then we'll try and iron something out. Thank you. With that, I'd yield the rest of my time back to the Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, notwithstanding some very adverse feelings I have at the moment about the federal government related mostly and very directly to federal judiciary decisions on the low-level nuclear waste matter, not withstanding that I think it would be a serious error not to proceed with this bill at this time, let me focus a little bit on what I think the law says and let me indicate to you that the law I'm going to be talking about is not through agency rule and regulation that is coming down from the federal agencies, but this is HR 3734, Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. This is the act of Congress. This is the act of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Our representatives participated in this. This is what has come down from the federal government. So the language I'm going to read to you is not language that the agency has the prerogative of interpreting. It is language that the federal government says you will do, you will implement. And, in that regard, they have indicated that with regard to this statute any state which, as of the date of the enactment of this act, processes the receipt of child support payments through local courts, and that's what we do, may, at the option of the state, continue to process through September 30, 1999. After that point in time, we are no longer authorized to process things the way that we're processing them and remain a part of the system. And so, when this day comes, this law has to be implemented and the only