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children, into the hands of the parent as soon as possible. This bill gets away from all of that and brings stuff in that I don't know the answer to, and some others are asking me questions on the floor and I said they should ask the sponsor of the bill. But here's something that I'm interested in. Not only the woman who is entitled to receive the child support money for the child she is tending, but suppose a person paying child support is alleged to not have made a payment when, in fact, the payment had been made. How does that person find his way through this system? And if a certain number of days go by and he's found to be in arrears, an action can be filed against him by the county attorney. So then what becomes of the one who has actually paid but, through a mistake, negligence or whatever, credit is not given? You have a woman entitled to support which she did not get, a person who paid the amount but is not credited with having paid it and is under or at risk of being charged with an offense that could land him in jail until he purges himself of contempt. No compelling reason was given for this bill. If there is perceived to be a problem with the number of days between the time that a payment is made at the courthouse and the time that the money is disbursed to the woman who is entitled to it, that can be rectified. A person who works with bankers told me that there can be a turn around in fewer than even five days without running the risk of a bouncing check. Some people were concerned about the personal liability of clerks. Both of those issues can easily be addressed. What LB 637 asks us to do is ignore the fact that a flawed study, if it can be called that, was undertaken. Information and factors that should have been considered were not. Nobody, and I mean nobody, understands what is ultimately going to happen if this bill is put into effect except that it will probably be a disaster as other programs where monumental computerization was to take place magically have turned out to be disasters. The bracket motion allows a meaningful study to be undertaken between now and January. The same flaws, the same politics may not surface as did the first time. But here's what I told that little judge. You say that if this bill is not put into place money is going to be withheld by...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the federal government, which money is