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have this legislation in place by October 1st of 1999, so looking at the bracket, talking about waiting until January means we will be sanctioned. Currently, one state, one state has received a waiver. And that state received a waiver because they have their enforcement and collection...they don't have a county attorney system in the same way we do, they have enforcement and collection in one unit, and so were therefore able to show that they could do a linked system more cost-effectively. Six states have applied and been denied a waiver. Several states decided to drop out when they found out what the requirements were. Six are currently pending. There's been a lot of discussion about the task force and the study that the task force took up. I want to remind you that we voted to establish, in the Legislature we voted to establish the task force. And the task force was to study and make recommendations for a centralized collection and distribution unit. Unfortunately, that didn't happen. We wouldn't have a lot of the problems right now, in terms of how we're going to do it, if the task force had kept on...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...the mission of how we go about doing it. The study that has been referenced was done by the Bureau of Business Research at UNL. It...there have been some allegations that it did not include Douglas County and Lancaster County, the two biggest counties that do most of the work. That is not the case. Both Douglas County and Lancaster County were included in all the numbers, in all the analysis. They were not included in a couple of the graphs, and were footnoted as such, and that has led to the belief that they were not included in the study. They were included in the study. The Bureau of Business Research is a highly regarded institution and did the study based on the requirements of the federal government in terms of how the study...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...should be conducted.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Matzke.