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SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Okay. Thank you. Senator Brown?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you heard of the CHARTS Program with...

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...HHS?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Doesn't that have something to do with computers?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Doesn't it have something to do with child support collection?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes, it does.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that program is not operational fully yet, is it?

SENATOR BROWN: No, because one county is not on the system.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now weren't we told that if we didn't have that up and running by 1995, since it was a mandate, there would be sanctions?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes, and we are being sanctioned.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what is the extent of the sanction?

SENATOR BROWN: I believe it's about \$2 million, but I would need to check on that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they've been losing \$2 million for that program for how long? Ever since 1995 October?

SENATOR BROWN: No, since October of last year.