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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR SUTTLE: ...could you, I realize the automated system and everything, but I still don't know how that would fit in with the Treasurer's Office, or if I'm confused, which wouldn't surprise me.

SENATOR BROWN: Well, I guess then, I don't have a copy of the red folder right in front of me, and I'm...I'm not sure that I understand what your question is. The centralized unit is not...is not required to send out notices at all, but under our legislation, they would send out notices to the obligors as to the amount that is owed. And so that's just kind of a customer service piece that is a part of our legislation, and I think that what you're referring to has to do with the requirements of the federal...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...legislation.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Baker, on the Brown amendment to LB 637.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I stand in opposition to the amendment. I have filed an amendment, AM1325, dealing with LB 637 and it tightens this up considerably more than Senator Brown's amendment and answers some of the questions. I specifically thought the Treasurer should be involved simply for accountability. We are talking about many, many million dollars here and some potential investment possibilities there and, after all, it is the role of the Treasurer to collect these funds...collect funds and disburse them. And I believe his office told me it would take one person maximum. They'd have to add a person. We're talking about 144,000 checks per month. That's a lot of checks. We've had a discussion here off the mic about how this would affect business, and they are going to have to have in their computers who owes what and where it goes anyway. What it's going to save the business people would be simply the cost of printing the check. And those, of course, are substantial, I understand that. My amendment, and as I said, I'm in opposition to