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that's the essential idea. It's a relatively small matter as these things go but, hopefully, helpful. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. For discussion on the Beutler amendment to LB 637, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I support Senator Beutler's amendment. I think that a lot of the anxiety that has been created about this bill has to do with its impact at the local level, its job impact at the local level. I just got back from a conference and spent some time with...met a woman who is essentially an equivalent in Kentucky to our clerks of the court, and we got into a discussion about her job before I knew exactly what she did. She was taking this vacation because she had just gotten through dealing with the impact to her budget of the change that Kentucky has entered into in terms of central collection and disbursement, and she had been agonizing over the impact to the people who worked for her, that her budget was going to be significantly reduced and through attrition she had been able to...and actually she had taken a significant cut in pay herself, she had been able to keep everybody...not everybody on, but been able to manage the budgetary situation and it was such a relief to her that she decided that she needed a little time away just to celebrate that issue. It's a very emotional issue when you've been working with people and you feel that those people have done a good job and...but I also want to share with you what she said about how she was dealing with this because she had been approached by the press and asked to comment on whether central collection was a good idea or not. And she said I've been doing this for 15 years. There's hardly a day that goes by that my job does not change at least a little bit. And she said every change has been for the better. And so I just have to believe that, and she said also that the federal government, in their assistance, had made it so much better, that there are so many more families that were receiving assistance. She said sometimes it feels like the child support money is just dropping out of the sky now compared to 15 years ago when she started. And so she was going to accept the change and accept it willingly because she had the experience of the last 15 years to look back on and really felt that this was going to be a positive. But for her, the central issue was dealing with the