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welfare system, if we can possibly avoid it. That should be much a bigger consideration than whether or not we feel that we are...have more power than the federal government. And I think that we need to look back at our record...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...in the partnership that we've had with the federal government to say, has it been successful? And I think, on the face of it, it has been very successful. This bracket motion will almost assuredly mean that we will not have time to deal with this bill this year and, therefore, we will lose the \$15 million, and if that is the will of the body then that is the will of the body. Then we have to make the determination about how we are going to maintain the system of child support collection in this state because I, for one, am not willing to say that I no longer care about those children receiving support, that I no longer care about the 40 percent of the children that aren't receiving support. I am totally unwilling to say that I don't care. So I would ask each of you, as you stand up to talk about this, how you intend to come up with the \$15 million. Do you...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...intend for us to appropriate it, or do you intend to make the counties eat it? Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brown. Further discussion on the bracket motion to LB 637, Senator Chambers. Clock's running.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I've been talking to Senator Beutler and Senator Brown on some aspects of the bill. Unfortunately, I may have made a suggestion that could improve the bill, but I'm not going to offer an amendment to do that, and there are other areas of the bill that I'm not going to discuss with anybody because I'm not interested in tidying up something that I don't feel can ever be made what it ought to be. What I agree with that I've heard this morning repeatedly is the confusion generated, not only by the terms of this bill, but also by what really is required by the federal government