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Who...if the task force was divided, who authorized him to write a report?

SENATOR BROWN: That...that was what his report said, was that the task force was divided and there was no new...no conclusion from the task force as to recommendations.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When the facilitator was hired, was a part of that hiring agreement that he would write a report? Or was he just to facilitate, whatever that means?

SENATOR BROWN: I'm not aware of those...of those details.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion on the bracket motion, Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members, I've had some people ask me, when I said we had been in contact with the state of Iowa on this issue, and some assumed that that meant that I was talking to our former colleague, Jessie Rasmussen. For the record, no. In fact, the person who works in child support used to be Legal Counsel in my office and so that's the person that we are attempting to contact. She is now in Child Enforcement in the state of Iowa. But, as I indicated, Iowa hired 46 individuals. Iowa is twice the size of Nebraska and we are going to hire 14. I keep coming back to this because it's simply, if you do the math, 14 people cannot possibly do the customer service. Now, if someone could explain to me how this is going to work, I'm very willing to listen, but, so far, no one has been able. And yesterday, as I said, I just used 10 percent as a guess. Ten percent happens to be the number of people in Iowa who need additional help from the service agents and so what I said, if the...if the statistics that were in the report are true, that they estimate...or on the fiscal note, that there will be 1-1/2 calls per month per client, and then you take 10 percent, that means that 14 workers would have 1,000 calls a month. Another thing that I think is interesting is Senator Brown and I recently had a conversation on the floor about what the cost would be for collecting that amount of money of insufficient funds and, Senator Brown, you may want to listen