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to this, if you would please, and perhaps be ready to respond. As you indicated to me, the clerks of the district court have reported that in all of the state of Nebraska at some given point in time all but 12,000 statewide, everything but 12,000 is collected in child support. Now I find that very difficult to believe from the women that I hear from just in my county. I'm checking with my county clerk on that. Perhaps you would want to clarify, and I'll give you some time, because then you also say we're only collecting 60 percent. And so I...I would like you to clarify that point. But if only \$12,000 is going uncollected, then why would we need to change?

SENATOR BROWN: Senator, there is a distinction. We're talking about collection of child support in the...in sort of a big picture way. I was talking to you about collection of insufficient funds checks, which is the question that you pose, and that was where I came up with the figures. And so we have...

SENATOR BOHLKE: Twelve thousand, thank you.

SENATOR BROWN: ...we have been quite good at collecting insufficient funds checks.

SENATOR BOHLKE: All but...all but \$12,000 is collected in insufficient funds. Is that what you're saying? And, for the record, Senator Brown indicates "yes". That is a tremendous track record and I would say if we were applying for a waiver from the federal government and we could demonstrate that even in that issue, all but \$12,000 we collect in insufficient...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...funds, I would think would be one, just one reason, a very strong reason that we could apply for a waiver. That doesn't even go to some of the other issues that in a rural state the problem that we have with mailing checks to Lincoln and getting that back in from Lincoln back out to some of our rural areas, I cannot see that we're going to improve on the system that we currently have. That would be the second point in asking for the waiver. Those two alone certainly would get the attention of the people that...when you apply for a waiver