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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...have recalcitrant counties? Or just...what do you mean?

SENATOR BROWN: October 1st is the deadline, and I do not believe that the federal government has many options, that the bureaucracy has many options. Because, as we heard yesterday, the federal legislation is quite specific. But I do not believe we will lose the full \$15 million if we are in the process of putting the system in place.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, you can't show me anything in the federal law that says that there will be a proration and the full amount will not be lost if this system is not fully operational by that October deadline. Can you show me that in federal law...

SENATOR BROWN: No, I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...where what you say...

SENATOR BROWN: No, I cannot.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then why can we accept it from you that if we do what you tell us we will not lose the full \$15 million, but if you do what I'm saying, namely that we shouldn't pass a bill at all, we will lose the full \$15 million?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In neither case will...

SENATOR BROWN: ...Senator Chambers, it would only...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...we have a program working.

SENATOR BROWN: ...it would not be a full year's, if we were able to...if...if we missed the October 1st deadline and got the system up by January 1st, then we would be able to...then it would not be a full year's sanctions.