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SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you can't, based on what the fiscal note said. Why is that year 2001 in there about upgrading these computers? Next January is not 2001, next January is 2000, that's YK2 or Y2K.

SENATOR BROWN: There is...there is a system with JUSTICE that will be used in the interim, so that there will be a system in place.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will not continue, because I know our time is up, Mr. Speaker, so I'll stop at this point. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brown, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we...I know that everyone wishes that we could do something different. I wish that we would have done it proactively and we would have had this angst about it when we were accepting the money and accepting the provisions and agreeing to improve our child support collection. We have been successful. But I want to go back to some of the issues that have been talked about and to talk a little bit about the waiver, about the possibility of a waiver, because I think that there are still some people that think that we can do that and not be sanctioned. And I do not believe that to be the case. I have spent enough time with the federal government officials and, as I said previously, Senator Beutler read you the federal legislation. The legislation is quite specific. It does not even give discretion to officials. Ohio, as was stated yesterday, has already lost \$12 million, and they were facing losing some of their TANF funds, and that's what got them to be very serious about it. Oklahoma came back into special session to adopt the legislation. We have already made the attempt to do it our way. The attempt was the study that was commissioned by the task force, the study whose whole purpose was to find a way for us to receive a waiver. Even with that presupposition going in, trying to find some way to have a waiver, there was no...the study didn't even come out in that way. And so the question is, do we want to continue a child support collection system in the state of Nebraska that is similar to the one that we have, that has been somewhat