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to a day certain, let's say first of May, rather than doing this way, if there is a way to work through some of the things that are brought forward on the floor, particularly the waiver. I take Senator Brown's word that she is correct, that there is nearly impossible to get a waiver. I'm not opposed to looking for a waiver, if that could be done. But...and I know there's large disagreement on whether we can do a waiver, whether we can't. I'm not sure, Senator Baker, whether your amendment would do that. If it would, and it would be acceptable, and I don't know whether we'll get any quick reply from federal bureaucracy or not on this issue. I do come to realize that Congress was adamant on this, not only stating it once in '96, but apparently again in 1998 reaffirmed the fact that there would be very little room for maneuvering, very little room for waivers, and that what they said they intended to be absolute. If that be the case, I want to tread very carefully on supporting your amendment at this point. I also would like to discuss a little bit Senator Chambers' assertions that what we are headed for is worse. I will admit I do not know either way if what we are proposing, at least the federal law is proposing, is worse than what we have. Generally that may be true, but I hesitate to say that automatically the federal approach would be worse than what we've got. I'm not saying that we have...I think we have a pretty good system in Nebraska. But they are mandating heading to another system. And to automatically assert that it will be worse, I don't...I can't necessarily say that is true or whether it isn't true. But we are under a \$15 million, if not a \$58 million, loss threat if we continue the pattern that we're on. And I'm reluctant to make changes until...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...I exactly know where we're headed. To me a bracket would be the best way, in a short-term bracket rather than May 14th, which gets rather late. I'm going to wait and see how this amendment plays out in the debate. It looks like to me an April 30th, May 1st bracket to maybe work something more out, it would be somewhat more realistic and still not get us down to a tight time frame. The other thing is we did have the task force work for two years, obviously disagreed. We don't have a particular solution at this point. Whether we're