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in place that currently only has \$12,000 gone uncollected, as far as insufficient funds, that is going to, in a rural state, in the end, I think, cause real concerns as far as serving clients, but most importantly that we do not believe that it will improve the system for getting the money to the people who need it, and especially to the children who need that money. And so I do not feel bad about the amount of time taken, because I think we have to be very thoughtful, very careful. And I think enough issues have been raised that I am not ready to move forward on LB 637 until we can look at some of these other issues. If you vote for the motion to substitute, I believe you would be allowing us to work towards that end, between now and Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and colleagues. We do need this substitution. And we need to study some type of amendment that is going to put us in better line to get a waiver. And I think that will satisfy a lot of people's concern about losing the \$15 million or possibly another \$58 million. So what I propose to do would be get this passed, get Senator Bohlke's amendment passed, and then, between now and Select File, we will work on the section in the statute that I was talking about earlier. I think that...by putting something on, on Select File, that will put us in a better position to argue the fact that we do need to have a waiver. And according to the statutes, federal statutes, I think this would satisfy the federal government. Hopefully, that will happen. But I'm sure we'll talk more about that as time goes on, on this bill. With that, I would give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers, if he would like to have it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, Senator Janssen has yielded you the balance of his time, about three minutes and thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in order that it's clear what we're doing, I'm going to make a comment. If we vote yes on this motion, if we get 25 votes for it, which I hope we will, that is