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from the federal government with regard to required centralization of child support payments. That's currently what the motion says. We started off the morning with my introduction of that. At that time I did not know that there would be the interest in it, that people have expressed, as a way to possibly solve some of the issues that have been raised. And then following that discussion this morning, as I stated, Senator Janssen brought up a very interesting point that he had found in current state statute. So this would be the vehicle to allow us to, as we move toward Select File, to look at...that was in the federal statutes, to look at incorporating or reacting, I guess, to what is in the federal statutes that we think may already be in place in Nebraska, with this amendment. And so I guess those of you who feel some hesitancy either with LB 637 or with the bracket motion, this would be one method of dealing with it until we reach Select File. At that time we would return to this amendment and we would have had the discussions taking place with Senator Janssen, Senator Brown, Senator Bromm, Senator Baker, Senator Chambers, all those individuals who have expressed a real interest in working and finding a solution to making sure that we, first of all, protect the women and children who receive those support payments, and secondly, put us in a strong position in asking for that waiver from the federal government. I believe that this would allow us that vehicle, and I would ask for your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Brown would move to amend Senator Bohlke's amendment. (AM1353, Legislative Journal page 1539.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brown, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the Bohlke amendment to LB 637.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we are with...if we're seriously considering the Bohlke amendment, we are playing chicken with a locomotive, and I don't believe that we're going to win. And so, you know, I think that it's fine if we make that decision, knowing full well what we're getting into when we make it, and that means that what we're getting into is the loss of \$15 million. But I'm totally unwilling to have the impact be that we do not continue to have